

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
March 2, 2009**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Keith Catlin	CWCB Member (Liaison)
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Ralph Grover	Hinsdale County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Dick Margetts	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Tyler Martineau	Gunnison Municipalities
John McClow	Chairs of the House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Carey Denison	Ouray County
Flynn Mangum	Saguache County
Tim Pollard	Mesa County
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Vacant	Montrose County
Vacant	Recreational

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (Colorado Division of Wildlife), Bob Hurford (Colorado Division of Water Resources), Dave Kanzer (Non-voting Member), Gary Shellhorn (Forest Service Liaison)

Public: Neal Schwieterman (Recreation Applicant); Rich Harding (Painted Sky/Hartland Diversion Dam); Jacob Bornstein (CWCB); Blaine Dwyer and Matt Brown (Boyle/AECOM), Erin Wilson (Leonard Rice Consulting), Joann Fagan (Town of Ridgway), Steve McCall and Ed Warner (USBR-GJ), Sarah Sauter (Uncompahgre Watershed Planning Partnership), Danny Vanover (City of Grand Junction), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Dennis Reich (CSU), Phillip Ceriani (Overland Ditch/DARCA), Paul VanRyzin (NRCS/Painted Sky), Jennifer Gimble (CWCB Executive Director), Alex Davis (Assistant Executive Directory -Water)

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

Roll Call

Following roll call, it was declared that a quorum was present.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda; however, who made the motion and seconded the motion was not recorded. Michele Pierce declared the motion moved and seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve February 2, 2009 Minutes

Bill Trampe made a recommendation for a change to the wording on page 4 of the minutes, and Mike Berry made the correction to the minutes.

A motion was made by Frank Kugel and seconded by Dixie Luke to approve the amended February 2, 2009 minutes and the motion carried. Dennis Steckel abstained from voting due to his non-attendance at the meeting.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe said he had no report for the Roundtable. He said that the next meeting of the IBCC would be the 16th of March in Longmont, Colorado. No action needed from the Roundtable.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley said he had nothing to report for the Educational Committee. He indicated there would be a presentation on the Aspinall EIS at the next meeting.

1. **Colorado Water Availability Study** – Blaine Dwyer, Matt Brown, and Erin Wilson from Boyle/AECOM Engineering made a presentation on the Colorado Water Availability Study. Erin Wilson requested feedback or comments within the next three weeks, and Jennifer Gimble emphasized that Boyle/AECOM is looking for input from the Roundtable members.
2. **IBCC Strategies** – Todd Doherty of the CWCB made a presentation on the Projects and Methods to meet State Identified Water Supply Needs. Bill Trampe encouraged the group to be proactive in developing ideas and solutions to supply needs of the State to avoid inevitable disaster.
3. **Current and Pending SB 179 Project Applications** – Ralph Grover discussed the funds available in the Basin Account. State Account funding has been frozen at this time. He indicated that the Project Screening Committee recommended that the applications for projects submitted by the Town of Ridgway, City of Grand Junction, and the Basin-funded portion of the Ag Water Needs Assessment proposed projects be fully funded from the Basin funds.

Ken Spann made a motion for the Roundtable to approve Option 3 of the February 24, 2009 memo from the Project Screening Committee, that the three pending projects be funded as shown in the attachment. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Todd Doherty agreed that a letter from Michelle Pierce to the CWCB would suffice to indicate any changes in funding requests.

Ralph Grover stated that the Project Screening Committee was also recommending funding of \$21,100 for a project proposal from Painted Sky to redesign the Hartland Ditch headgate for endangered fish passage while preserving current diversions. Ralph Grover suggested that we table this approval until questions can be answered about alternative funding on this project.

Frank Kugel made a motion to approve the application by the City of Ouray for \$50,000 from Basin funding. Steve Glaser questioned funding this project in light of limited funding available to complete the Needs Assessments studies. Tom Alvey seconded and the motion carried with Steve Glaser opposing the motion. Steve will submit the minority report to the Chair for forwarding to the CWCB.

4. **Non-Consumptive Needs Assessments** – Tyler Martineau reported that the Needs Assessment Committee met that afternoon before the Roundtable meeting to discuss the location of the recreational attributes on the NA maps. He indicated that they were making progress but had nothing to report, and would have a report at the next Roundtable meeting.

Tyler Martineau introduced Jacob Bornstein as the new consumptive use needs representative for the CWCB. Jacob intends to move on from the mapping exercise to complete efforts to identify the basin non-consumptive needs by the end of the State fiscal year on June 30.

5. **Recreational At-Large Seat** – The Roundtable discussed their recommendations to fill the vacant Recreational At-Large seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Since no formal application was received by Al DeGrange, only the application by Neal Schwieterman was discussed. Recommendations supporting Neal for this position were given by Greg Clifton and Wendell Koontz. Olen Lund made a motion to appoint Neal Schwieterman to the Recreational At Large Seat. Greg Clifton seconded and the motion carried unanimously by the statutory appointments to the Roundtable.
6. **Recording Secretary** – Mike Berry and Michelle Pierce made a recommendation to the Roundtable to increase the meeting contract fee paid to Sharon Dunning for recording assistance of the meeting minutes. The proposed increase would be from \$200 to \$250 per Roundtable meeting.

John McClow made a motion to raise the meeting contract fee for Sharon Dunning from \$200 to \$250. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be April 6, 2009.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items (March 2, 2009 meeting)

Michelle Pierce to write a letter to the CWCB indicating changes in funding requests for the Ag NA proposed project.

Steve Glaser will prepare a minority report for his opposition to the motion to approve the application by the City of Ouray for \$50,000.