

Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

March 1, 2010

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Greg Clifton	Ouray Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Steve Glazer	Environmental
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	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Voting Members Absent:

Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graff (CDOW Liaison), Bob Hurford (CDWR Liaison), Gary Shellhorn (U.S. Forest Service).

Public: Steve McCall (USBR), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Elizabeth Garner (State Demographer), Lynn Hornbrook (General Public), Mike Drake (Pained Sky RC&D), Danny Vanover (City of Grand Junction), Dawn Sudmeier (Coalby Domestic Water Co.), Jo McBurney (Congressman Salazar), Pete Siegmund (United Companies).

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

Michelle Pierce announced that an addition to the Agenda would be Neal Schwieterman giving an update on the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment workshop that he attended, and Steve would have some input as well.

Greg Clifton made a motion to accept the Agenda with the additions. Dixie Luke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve February 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Greg Clifton made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for the February 1, 2010 meeting. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Marc Catlin announced that the next IBCC meeting would be on Friday, March 5, 2010. Marc and Bill Trampe asked if there were any messages the Roundtable members wanted to take to the IBCC. Ken Spann stated that he would like to have the IBCC members request the results of the Colorado River Water Availability Study be made available at the earliest time possible. Marc indicated he would carry that message to the IBCC.

Todd Doherty mentioned that the report would be available in two weeks to be followed by a 90 day public review period.

Report from the Educational Committee

Rachel Kullman thanked Dave Kanzer for the presentation at the previous meeting. She indicated that for the next couple of months the Educational Committee is planning to have water quality planning presentations. The current meeting presentation will be by the State Demographer's office.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McClow reported that there has been no CWCB meeting since the last Roundtable meeting, and that the scheduled March meeting is canceled due to the fiscal crisis. The next CWCB meeting is scheduled for May.

Update on Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment Meeting

Neal Schwieterman began his report stating that the second half of the day was spent detailing proposed projects to the Nature Conservancy.

He summarized six things that they would like from Phase II:

1. Existing project or methods by stream reach, for which attributes and what sources of information.
2. Existing studies, especially quantification by stream reach, for which attributes and from what sources of information.
3. Planned projects or methods, quantification by stream reach, for which attributes and from what sources of information.
4. Planned studies, quantification by stream reach, for which attributes and from what sources of information.
5. Potential steps for the Roundtables to consider.
6. Other stakeholders that should be included in the discussion.

Steve Glazer stated that the Needs Assessment committee met with different stakeholders to gather information to update the graph with the management strategies for the 21 segments that need prioritization. He circulated information to the Needs Assessment Committee for input then plans to circulate a draft report to the entire Roundtable for comment. This will initiate Phase II of the Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment.

1. Educational Presentation.

Todd Doherty introduced Elizabeth Garner of the Colorado State Demographer's office. She gave a presentation on population projections and statistics. Elizabeth discussed details on how they do population forecasting, and supplied the following contact information for anyone who had further questions. Phone 303-866-3096, Email: Elizabeth.garner@state.co.us, website: www.dola.state.co.us/demog.

2. Joint Meeting with Arkansas Basin Roundtable.

The Roundtable members discussed an invitation from the Arkansas Basin Roundtable to have a joint meeting in June. It was generally thought that a meeting to find some common ground would be productive, and the idea of forming a committee to create an agenda for the meeting was suggested.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion that a committee be formed to discuss an Agenda for the joint meeting with the Arkansas Basin Roundtable. Dennis Steckel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A consensus was reached to have the meeting on June 7th, which is the regularly scheduled date for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting. The committee members for this task are: John McClow, George Sibley, Dennis Steckel, Greg Clifton, Michelle Pierce, Hugh Sanburg, and Tom Alvey.

Michelle Pierce agreed to send an email to the Arkansas Roundtable Chairperson, Gary Barber, to request they make similar arrangements, as well as lengthen the meeting to make it more worthwhile for the GBRT members to drive the distance to attend the meeting.

3. Agricultural Water Needs Assessment & Water Supply Analysis for the Gunnison Basin

The Roundtable members discussed whether to pursue this study or place the funds awarded to the project back into the Water Supply Reserve Account. The study has been on hold because the Roundtable has been anticipating some valuable information from the Water Availability Study. Some members are concerned that the funding set aside for the study will disappear.

Ken Spann made a motion to proceed to get a new contract for the agricultural water needs assessment and water supply analysis. Tom Alvey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Gunnison Basin Roundtable Membership - Staggered Terms of Office.

The Roundtable members discussed revisions to the bylaws to provide that all terms are for five years and that the staggering of terms contemplated by the statute will be achieved through natural attrition.

Gregg Clifton made a motion to approve the amended bylaws. John McClow seconded and a supermajority vote carried.

John McClow agreed to make the final changes to the Bylaws.

4. Project Proposal

The Roundtable members discussed a project proposal application for the Lake San Cristobal Water Activity Enterprise for the Lake San Cristobal Outlet Structure. The proposal request is for \$150,000. A report and the Project Screening Committee recommendation were forwarded to the Roundtable members. This is the construction phase of the project, and will complete the project.

Greg Clifton made a motion to approve the application for \$150,000 for the Lake San Cristobal Water Activity Enterprise for the construction phase of the Lake San Cristobal Outlet Structure. Carey Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Project Proposal

The Roundtable members discussed a project proposal application for the Gunnison River Festival for 75 Ditch Improvements and Feature Enhancements. The proposal request is for \$46,100. A report and the Project Screening Committee recommendation were forwarded to the Roundtable members.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the application for \$46,100 for the Gunnison River Festival for 75 Ditch Improvements and Feature Enhancements. Tim Decker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Hartland Dam Fish Passage Project

Michael Drake, Executive Director for Painted Sky RC&D, gave an update on the status of the Hartland Dam Fish Passage project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be April 5, 2010.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce to send an email to Arkansas Basin Chairperson to request they make arrangements for a committee to discuss an agenda for the joint meeting in Salida on June 7, 2010, as well as lengthen the meeting to make it more worthwhile for the GBRT members to drive the distance to attend the meeting

John McCLOW to make the revisions to the bylaws to provide that all terms are for five years and that the staggering of terms contemplated by the statute will be achieved through natural attrition.