

NPBRT Meeting Minutes 8-17-10

NFS Conf. Room (7-9PM)

100 Main Street, Walden, CO

Members Present

*Mike Allnutt
Deb Alpe
Mike Alpe
Paula Belcher
Pete Conovitz
*Kent Crowder
*Tom Hackleman
*Hal Hagan
*Kay Meyring
*John Rich
Ann Timberman
*Barbara Vasquez
*Ty Wattenberg
*Rick Wyatt

Guests Present

Jim Dustin-JCS
Deb Heeney-NRCS
Denis Reich-CSU Ext
Jeff Streeter-TU

Members Absent

*Jimmer Baller
*James Carothers
*Mike Honholz
*Sandy Knox
Michael Wright
(* Voting members, total 13)

I. Agenda Review: The agenda was accepted with the corrections that 1) there would be no CWCB update due to Carl Trick's absence and 2) Deb Alpe will provide an update on the Education and Outreach Committee under Old Business.

II. Approval of NPBRT Minutes: June 22, 2010 Meetings

The meeting minutes were corrected for 1) omission of Kay Meyring in the list of members of the Education and Outreach Committee and 2) some typos caught by Mike Alpe (thanks Mike!). Rick Wyatt moved to accept the minutes as amended, Kay Meyring seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Barbara Vasquez- NCN Attribute Prioritization Exercise by the full Roundtable

The ppt-pdf attached to these minutes entitled "NP_NCNA-prioritization 8-17-10.pdf" gives an overview of the accomplishments to date by the NCNA Committee. The next step for defining the nonconsumptive needs for the NPBRT is to prioritize the NCN attributes with the full RT. The attachment also contains the form used plus results generated by the Committee in advance of bringing this to the full RT.

In order to provide the opportunity to all RT members to view and work with the data generated to date, Barbara has had an interactive pdf version of the NPBRT NCNA Stream segment map created. This tool gives everyone with a computer the ability to drill down into

all the layers that make up the E&R Stream Segment Map. No GIS software required, only Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download, usually available in baseline software on all computers). A copy of the CD plus instructions for use were handed out to all interested in exploring the data on their own. Barbara offered to help anyone who needed additional instruction on the pdf map use.

The NCNA subcommittee has finalized an approach for prioritization of the non-consumptive attributes. We've run a draft version through the NCNA Committee twice. The results from the 7-20 exercise by the Committee are provided in the attachment to these minutes. We found that the exercise itself, independent of the results, stimulated very good discussions. In addition, the results highlighted the fact that for the majority of the attributes, there was close agreement on prioritization. And for the few attributes for which there were substantial differences of opinion on prioritization, we learned a lot from each other in the ensuing discussion. The full RT was then asked to use the form supplied to do the prioritization in the meeting. Once everyone had the opportunity to complete the form, each of the participants was asked to state their rating with any explanation they chose to volunteer until all participants had given their rating on all 12 attributes. Just as for the NCNA Committee exercise, the discussions in this RT meeting were very enlightening. The results of this exercise will be presented in the September meeting.

IV. Old Business

Deb Alpe, NPBRT Education Liaison:

Draft NPBRT Education Plan

The Education & Outreach Committee (EOC) for the NPBRT met on 6/30. A draft Education Action Plan (EAP) was distributed at this meeting and is attached with these meeting minutes. Deb asked that everyone look over the EAP and give her feedback. With the EAP in hand, Deb will receive the \$1,800 in state funds for action plan implementation.

CFWE has offered to work with the NPBRT to establish a document that provides information on the work of the roundtable. This would give each RT member a common document that could be used in community outreach and education. It would also provide a 'start-up' document for new RT members.

There will be a statewide forum in Jan or Feb, 2011, for which the agenda is being developed currently. There may be some reports from individual basins, not necessarily focused on the EAP. In addition, Deb asked for input on topics that our Roundtable felt important to have covered at that forum. Barbara suggested they have a session with examples of constructive working agreements or collaborative projects that benefited both non-consumptive and consumptive needs in a basin. Kent commented that he thought that CWCB would be using such a forum to go over the statewide needs assessments and the major water project opportunities under consideration. There may be funding to cover costs for travel and/or hotel for RT members attending. There may also be a half-day orientation for new members.

V. New Business:

Kent Crowder: NPBRT membership

Kent has been the representative to our RT appointed by the legislature. Since the JCWCD no longer has a rep on the RT, he is taking that position. He has suggested that Ty Wattenburg be considered for the appointed position. Kay made the motion to put Ty's name forward for that position; the motion was seconded by Rick and approved unanimously by the RT.

Kent Crowder - WSRA funding updates

Kent reported that the Basin account balance is currently ~\$375,000. No applications were submitted at this meeting.

VI. Set Next Meeting:Sept 21, 2010 (7-9PM, FS Conference Room).