

Minutes of the Board of Directors: Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable

July 21,2010

Shadow Mt. Clubhouse

In attendance were: Tom Gray, Tom Sharp, Kai Turner, Darryl Steele, Doug Monger, Kia Turner, David Smith, Audrey Danner, Dan Birch, Ren Martyn, Bruce Lindahl, Steve Colby, Kent Vertrees, Jeff Devere, Dan Craig, Don Jones, Jeff Comstock, Forrest Nelson.

1. Tom Gray called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
2. July Minutes were approved by acclimation.
3. Bornstein reported there was approximately \$182K in Roundtable Funds plus another \$50K likely to be granted this legislature.
4. Colorado River Water Availability Study Comments were described and endorsed in their entirety by the Roundtable for submission to CWCB. Motion to approve and send to State.
Monger/Birch/Unanimous.
5. Lysimeter project update was provided by the Division of Water Resources. Sharp recommend half project expense be provided by State funds. Steele desired one lysimeter on the White and one on the Yampa for better data. Motion to approve 10K Basin funds and waive a second hearing by the Roundtable contingent on the other 10K provided by State Roundtable Account. Sharp/Craig/Unanimous.
6. Energy Needs Assessment. Birch discussed results of study. 145,000 AF is needed for future energy needs, a significant reduction since 400,000 AF was first discussed. Demand is irrespective of existing water rights. Gray clarified tonight's presentation was first reading of two as required by bylaws. Sharp expressed appreciation to energy committee on refining the power generation and energy industry needs. First reading of Energy Assessment was accepted by acclimation.
7. Municipal and Industrial summary was provided by Jacob Bornstein. Bornstein summarized water planning model and data used in the M&I study and asked for his presentation to be considered a first reading by the Roundtable. Monger commented that it is not appropriate for the Roundtable to accept another entity's study. Gray stated this felt like a top-down approach. Birch stated entire exercise is about front-range growth needing to convert ag water to municipality water and better discussions need to happen between front-range and western slope. Roundtable decided to not take action on report, but rather continue to hear updates of M&I Study.
8. IBBC Update. Devere updated group on IBCC meeting and asked that the website: coyotegulch.wordpress.com be provided to Roundtable.
9. Shannon McNeeley provided an update of study on climate change assessment of Yampa River. McNeeley used Roundtable subcommittee to advise on how to conduct research. Next she will conduct interviews with water users, analyze feedback, and write Post Doctorate research summary.
10. October meeting items: 2nd reading of Energy Needs Assmt. M&I update from Bornstein. Ag Study, Yampa Doctrine; Monger will follow up on additional project final reports, Bornstein will provide notebooks to new members.
11. Gray adjourned the Meeting at 9:16 PM.