

Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

November 1, 2010

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier

Voting Members Absent:

Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Vacant	Delta Municipalities
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW liaison), Dave Kanzer (CRWCD), Denis Reich (CSU Extension liaison).

Public: Todd Doherty (CWCB), Jason Ullman (Assistant Div. IV Engineer), Tom Grett (Shavano Conservation District/Uncompahgre Valley Growers), J/W (Valley View Irrigation Association), David Harold (Producers/Farmer).

Welcome

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

Roll Call/Introductions

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

Michelle announced that Bill Nesbitt has been appointed as the representative for Gunnison Municipalities by all but the town of Pitkin, who has not been reachable. Michelle asked if it was agreeable with everyone to seat him anyway, and there were no objections.

Approve Agenda

Neal Schweiterman made a motion to accept the Agenda. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve October 4, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel requested a couple of typographical corrections to the minutes. Frank Kugel then made a motion to accept the amended Meeting Minutes for the October 4, 2010 meeting. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

There was no report from the IBCC representatives.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley reported that he had attended a meeting with the Public Education and Participation Outreach (PEPO) of the IBCC at the end of August. He stated that they are planning a statewide summit for the IBCC Basin Roundtables, hosted by the CWCB. The purpose of the summit is to celebrate the previous 5 years, set the stage for 2011, and initiate the new administration. The summit date is tentatively planned for March 3, 2011. They would like to get people from all over the state to attend and will pay lodging and mileage for three Basin Roundtable members that wouldn't normally be reimbursed by some other organization. They are also opening this benefit up to the public, but public attendees will be responsible for paying for their own meals.

There will be another PEPO meeting on November 30th. The summit meeting date should be firm by then.

For educational presentations at the next scheduled Roundtable meeting, he suggests that the Roundtable members take a look at the report from the IBCC on conservation. He will get the information out on that report before the next meeting.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McClow reported that there had been no activity since the previous Roundtable meeting.

1. Project Proposal – Colorado State University Proposal to Expand and Improve CoAgMet system.

Denis Reich from CSU Extension gave an overview of CSU's indirect 25% overhead costs to the proposal. The Roundtable members discussed the overhead amount and the benefit that the CoAgMet system has for local growers. A local producer, Tom Grett, discussed how the system benefits him and other local farmers.

John McClow made a motion to approve the grant application at the 25% overhead rate from statewide and basin funds. Frank Kugel seconded. There were 5 members who dissented: Bill Nesbitt, Tim Decker, Ron Shaver, Steve Glazer and Ken Spann. It was declared that the motion passed and Tim Decker agreed to write the dissention report with input from the other 4 members who voted against the motion.

NOTE: In an email from Michelle Pierce dated Tuesday 11/02/10, Michelle indicated that per the bylaws, the motion had actually failed to pass due to a lack of the minimum votes required. Due to this failure of the motion, the Chair has asked members whether there should also be a meeting in December to deal with this issue.

2. Gunnison Basin/Arkansas Basin Subcommittee Update

John McClow discussed the concept of creating a water bank in concert with the joint efforts of the Gunnison and Arkansas subcommittees. The Gunnison and Arkansas Basins will need to agree that whatever is done compliments all other activities going on with regard to this subject, including the IBCC, the Upper Colorado River Commission, and the entities represented by the Nature Conservancy. It is hoped to convene a meeting with all the interested parties in January.

CDM has hired Rick Gold a former Reclamation employee, to analyze the Colorado River Storage Project and write a White Paper on its history and background and how it could be used in this process. It was suggested that Mr. Gold write a scoping document that would describe an inquiry to Reclamation regarding the use of Colorado River Storage Project facilities for a contribution to the water bank.

The first draft of this scoping document would then be forwarded to Ted Kowalski and Todd Doherty at the CWCB for their review due to their familiarity with subject. The draft would then be circulated to the Arkansas and Gunnison Roundtables. If this scoping document is satisfactory to the two Roundtables then it is suggested, by a representative of the Arkansas Roundtable, that a joint water-supply reserve account grant application be submitted to pay for the technical work that would support this CSRP analysis.

John requested that the subcommittee be authorized to review this scope of work to assure adequacy for grant application. The grant application will be presented to the Roundtable at a January meeting to meet the March deadline for funding.

It was discussed that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable does not normally meet in January, and that the December meeting may need to be moved.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to allow the subcommittee to move forward. Neal Schweiterman seconded. An amendment to the motion was made to move the regularly scheduled December meeting to January 3rd. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

George Sibley will distribute information on the IBCC report on Conservation to be reviewed at the next Roundtable meeting.

Arkansas and Gunnison Basin subcommittee will draft grant document for January meeting regarding water bank.