

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

January 3, 2011

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
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
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
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier

Voting Members Absent:

Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Olen Lund	Delta County
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW liaison), Bob Hurford (CDWR), Dave Kanzer (At Large)

Public: Jason Ullman (Asst. Div IV Engineer), JW, Homer Heming, and Clay Campbell (Valley View Irrigation Assoc.), David Brown (U.S. Geological Survey), Mike Drake (Painted Sky RC&D), Marshall Pendergrass (Gunnison Gorge Anglers/Trout Unlimited)

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.

Approve Agenda

Chairperson Michelle Pierce added one item to the Agenda: Frank Kugel will discuss funding for the Lake San Cristobal Project funding. Bill Nesbitt made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented and amended. Tom Alvey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve November 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Dave Kanzer pointed out a typographical error. Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the amended meeting minutes for the November 1, 2010 meeting. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that he was unable to attend the IBCC meeting on December 1, 2010, however, Marc Catlin and John McCLOW were present.

Based on a discussion with John McCLOW, Bill Trampe reported that most of the meeting was spent reviewing a report to Governor Ritter and Governor elect Hickenlooper. The report summarizes the efforts of the IBCC over the past 5 years, and discusses ideas and potential directions for the Roundtable process. Bill hopes that Roundtables around the State will use the report to initiate discussions. There will be an opportunity to discuss ideas at the Roundtable Summit Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2011. Bill suggested that time be set aside at the next Roundtable meeting to discuss the report. Additionally, he has heard comments and been asked “what have we gotten out of this IBCC process?” and feels that this is a question that needs to be discussed and addressed by the Roundtable.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to ratify the report given by Bill Trampe. Neil Schweiterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ken Spann made a motion to set aside a minimum of 30 minutes on the next agenda to discuss the document. John McCLOW seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley reported that he went to two meetings of the Public Education Participation and Outreach (PEPO) working group to talk about the March 3rd Summit Meeting. This will be discussed later in this meeting.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McClow reported that there was CWCB meeting November 15-17 in Berthoud at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy office. The first day was devoted to two activities:

- 1) A dialog with the Front Range Water Council representing the seven primary water providers on the Front Range. They have decided to take a very aggressive posture on the issues of policy, and as a group explained all their problems and concerns.
- 2) A hearing on new floodplain regulations, which was very contentious. Some communities advocated stronger regulations, while others wanted weaker regulations. The CWCB reduced requirements for compliance with the floodplain regulations.

Other items of interest were the update of the SWSI report. At the previous meeting the CWCB Staff was instructed to plan for an update of the SWSI report in 5 years. Several workshops are to be held to complete the current SWSI report, which should be completed sometime this year. John mentioned that the reports were available on the CWCB website, and urged anyone that has any comments or concerns on the drafts of the SWSI report, to contact him.

The final topic of interest was discussion about finances, and whether the State Legislature was going to take away all the money that was available for loans and grants and operating funds. John felt that the budget committee would leave it as is for the time being.

1. Project Proposal – Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District

John McClow stated that he was not necessarily advocating this proposal, but was presenting the proposal for the Roundtable's consideration. John submitted the proposal to Chairperson Michelle Pierce. There has been input from CDM, the Arkansas Roundtable, the CWCB staff including (Ted Kowalski and Jennifer Gimble), and Dave Kanzer from the River District. Tim Decker told the group that he was not prepared to dedicate any funds to this proposal without further consideration of the content and purpose by the Roundtable. The Roundtable will review the proposal then present any ideas to the Arkansas Roundtable in a timely manner.

Tom Alvey made a motion to authorize the ad hoc subcommittee to further consider the proposal, approve the statement of work, and apply for State funding by January 14. The motion was seconded by Frank Kugel, and the motion carried.

Everyone on the Roundtable was encouraged to participate in the subcommittee efforts and to get their comments submitted before the next meeting. These actions will be brought to the Roundtable to be ratified at the February meeting.

2. Project Proposal -- Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District, Blanch Park Rehabilitation Project

Tom Alvey reported that this project involves restoring an abandoned reservoir to use conditional water rights from the Grand Mesa Project to store 130 acre feet of water.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to approve the project proposal for \$75,000. Tim Decker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Project Proposal – Valley View Irrigation Association, Phase I and II

Tom Alvey reported that this proposal has been through a few revisions, and after discussion with the screening committee, the Valley View Irrigation Association was encouraged to revise its proposal and funding request. The proposal was modified to fund a bore under Marine Drive and connect to the current conveyance system.

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to approve the project proposal for \$11,817 from Basin account funds. The motion was seconded by Ron Shaver, and carried unanimously.

4. Project Proposal – Gunnison Gorge Anglers Trout Unlimited

Tom Alvey described the proposed project as creating a preliminary design to improve the diversion dam for the Relief ditch which virtually spans the Gunnison River near the town of Austin. The request for \$15,650 would be used to pay for a peer review and revision, if necessary, of the design for the dam.

Marshall Pendergrass, representing the Gunnison Gorge Anglers (Trout Unlimited), discussed the proposed project and providing some pictures that were circulated to the group.

Ken Spann made a motion to approve the project proposal. George Sibley seconded, and the motion failed. Marshall was asked to modify the proposal and bring it back to the Roundtable for further consideration.

5. 2011 Education Action Plan

George Sibley reported that the Public Education Participation and Outreach group has asked each of the Roundtables to put together an education plan. He drafted a copy of what the Educational Committee put together for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable that basically lists three goals:

- 1) Education for Roundtable members.
- 2) Public education outreach to the constituency of the Gunnison Basin.
- 3) Combine 1 & 2 two whenever possible. One idea was to invite County Commissioners, County Planners, City and Municipal Planners, and Managers, and the like for a water quality and regulations discussion.

Frank Kugel made a motion to approve the Education Committee's 2011 Education Action Plan. Neal Schweiterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Dixie Luke commended the Education Committee for the information they have brought to the Roundtable in the past year.

6. Statewide Roundtable Summit Meeting

George Sibley discussed the Statewide Roundtable Summit Meeting scheduled for March 3, 2011 at the Doubletree Inn in Westminster. George stressed the significance of this meeting, and how important it is for the Gunnison Basin to be well represented. It is the first real effort to get a substantial amount of people together from the Roundtables to discuss effectiveness.

George reiterated that the CWCW was willing to pay for three vehicles to travel to the meeting, as well as lodging for three people. He indicated that he will be sending a reminder in the middle of the month that will also include information of what they want to discuss at the meeting.

7. Painted Sky -- Hartland Dam Modification Project

Michael Drake and Cary Denison gave a status report for the Hartland Dam Modification.

8. Lake San Cristobal Funding

Frank Kugel, representing the Lake San Cristobal Water Activity Enterprise, gave a status report of the Lake San Cristobal project. There is a balance of \$60,000 left of the \$120,000 that were received from a Reserve Account Grant. They would like approval from the Roundtable to use those funds for construction of the project which is estimated at \$540,000.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to allow the remaining funds from the \$120,000 grant to be used toward the construction of the project. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2011.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

John McClow and the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District subcommittee will take action on the State proposal and submit the application.

George Sibley will send a reminder about the March 3, 2011 Statewide Roundtable Summit Meeting as well as information of what they want to discuss at the meeting.