

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

February 7, 2011

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier

Voting Members Absent:

Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Dennis Steckel	Gunnison County
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), Gary Shellhorn (USFS liaison), Dennis Reich (CSU Extension liaison).

Public: Heather Bergman (Peak Facilitation Group, IBCC Facilitator), Greg Johnson (CWCB), John Stulp (Governor's Office, IBCC Director), Mikaela Gregg (Peak Facilitation).

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 the meeting was one member short of a quorum present. Shortly thereafter enough Members arrived to declare that a quorum was present.

Approve Agenda

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the Agenda. Tim Decker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve January 3, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Austin Kaiser made a motion to accept the January 3, 2011 meeting minutes. George Sibley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that the IBCC had their meeting the previous Friday, February 4, 2011. This was the first meeting of the year. At the meeting the attendees were introduced to the new Director, John Stulp. The meeting was aimed at uniting the Roundtables to find middle ground to solve the gap problem in the State of Colorado. They also spent time trying to get feedback from the IBCC Members about the report to the Governor.

In the afternoon of the meeting the IBCC Members spent a lot of time talking about the Roundtable Summit to be held on March 3. They worked on the agenda for the Summit and how to include the input received from the Roundtables. There will be a meeting on Friday, February 25th in Glenwood Springs, which is a West Slope Public Meeting for input on this IBCC report to the Governor. The IBCC will meet again on April 29 to re-evaluate the feedback from the Roundtables and the public.

Ron Shaver made a motion to ratify the IBCC report. The motion was seconded by Tom Alvey, and carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley attended another meeting by phone of the Public Education Participation Outreach group. The meeting was about planning the March Summit meeting.

Another member stated that they had information that the Double Tree Inn on Sheridan has a block of rooms reserved for the meeting. George will send the information on the meeting to the RT Members again.

George said they are asking for feedback regarding the report to the Governors either at the Glenwood Springs meeting on February 25th or online.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McCLOW was unable to attend, but circulated his report via email (attached).

John Stulp, IBCC Director and Water Policy Advisor

Michelle Pierce introduced John Stulp, the new IBCC Director and Water Policy Advisor to Governor Hickenlooper.

John said he is in the process visiting with all the Basin Roundtables to listen to what each had to say, and to advise the Governor. Mr. Stulp asked for a show of hands of which Members were planning to attend the Summit meeting and was pleased to say and had received a similar response from other Basin's Roundtable Members. He stressed that the Summit meeting was a very important opportunity for experts from each Basin to meet and discuss their issues. He hopes for meaningful and good dialog that will set the direction for where we are going with the IBCC and the CWCB. .

1. IBCC Report to Governor Ritter and Governor-Elect Hickenlooper

Heather Bergman and Greg Johnson attended the meeting to review and discuss the report to former Governor Ritter and Governor Hickenlooper with the RT Members. The report was distributed to Members via email.

Greg Johnson of the CWCB attended in place of Todd Doherty. Greg is Todd's counterpart in three other basins – Southwest Basin, North Platte Basin, and Rio Grande Basin. Greg gave an update of the IBCC framework.

Heather Bergman conducted a survey utilizing an electronic polling card system. The purpose was to determine how the RT Members felt about what the IBCC was doing, and what the concerns were. After the poll, it was determined that the biggest concerns were agricultural transfers, conservation, and non-consumptive needs. The Members then discussed their concerns in these areas. Heather indicated that there would be a summary of the polling from all the Roundtables available at the March Summit meeting as well as online.

Heather mentioned the IBCC Framework Glenwood Springs on February 25th, and the March 3rd Summit in Westminster.

2. Project Proposal – Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District

This proposal is for a total cost of \$245,000 -- \$196,000 from Statewide Account Funds, \$24,500 from each the Arkansas and Gunnison Basin Account Funds. The purpose of the proposed project is to assess the effectiveness of using excess storage capacity in Blue

Mesa Reservoir to avoid or reduce the impact of a Colorado River Compact curtailment in Colorado. The RT Members were asked to review and consider ratification of action taken by the Gunnison/Arkansas subcommittee to submit this application to the IBCC (see forwarded email from John McClow attached).

With no further discussion, Tom Alvey made a motion to ratify the application. Bill Trampe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Project Proposal – Request to Reconsider Proposal from Colorado State University

This proposal is for \$35,000 from Statewide Account Funds and \$77,000 from Basin Account Funds to expand and improve the CoAgMet system. The RT Members were asked to discuss a possible reconsideration of their decision to deny this request based on new information submitted by Marilyn Morrissey, CSU Senior Research Administrator. An email from Ms Morrissey was forwarded to the Members.

After some discussion Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the CoAgMet proposal for \$35,000 from State funds, and \$75,000 from basin account funds. George Sibley seconded.

There was more discussion regarding a possible negotiation between CSU and CWCB for an overhead rate cap. Steve Glazer made a second motion to condition the approval of the CoAgMet proposal on an overhead rate negotiated by the CWCB subjecting CSU to that rate. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and that motion carried with one dissenting vote.

There was then a call for approval of the first motion, which carried with one dissenting vote.

4. Statewide Roundtable Summit Meeting – March 3, 2011, Westminster, CO

The RT Members were asked to review and discuss the proposed agenda for this meeting. George will email a link where Members can get their forms to fill out online, as well as a revised agenda.

5. Gunnison State of the River Meeting

The RT Members were asked to determine whether or not to collaborate with the Colorado River District to conduct the State of the (Gunnison) River Meeting in June 2011.

There was a general consensus in favor of collaborating on this meeting. George stated if there were any questions or comments on this meeting to contact him since he is working on it and has some details.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

George Sibley to send out revised agenda and link for March Summit meeting.