

## **HB 1177 Southwest Basin Roundtable Minutes Sept. 8, 2010 - Cortez**

<b>Members</b>	Jack Rogers	Steve Harris	Bruce Smart
<b>Present:</b>	Jason Wells	Ken Beegles	John Taylor
	Hal Pierce	Gary Kennedy	Tim Hunter
	Pat Greer	Russell Kennedy	Don Schwindt
	Peter Ortego	April Montgomery	John Porter
	Mike Preston	Larry Deremo	Steve Fearn
	Chuck Wanner	John Ey	Jenny Russell
 <b>Guests:</b>	 Wally Patcheck	 Meghan Maloney	 Val Valentine
	Robert Genualdi	Mike Canterbury	Patrick Ullrich
	Carrie Lile	Denise Rue-Pastin	Kristin Ma
	Celine Sheppard	Ann Oliver	Ken Curtis
	Rege Leach	Marty Robbins	Randy Carver
	Denis Reich	David Graf	Rick Gersch
	Greg Johnson	Nicole Rowan	

Chairman Mike Preston called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.  
Introductions were made.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **Review and Approve Minutes**

The minutes of July 7, 2010 were approved as written.

#### **Officer/IBCC Representative Reports**

John Porter reported that IBCC is working on a report due to the Governor in December. It covers three main issues: 1) conservation; 2) alternatives to ag dry-up; and 3) identified projects & processes.

### **Roundtable Elections**

Steve Harris reported that the Election Committee comprised of himself, Don Schwindt, and Steve Fearn reviewed all applications received by July 30, 2010. Notices were printed in all regional newspapers. Candidates include Ken Beegles, Michael Canterbury, Tim Hunter, Carrie Lile, Meghan Maloney, Ann Oliver, Jon Ott (not present), Mike Preston, Val Valentine, and Chuck Wanner. Candidates were given time to make a short speech. Members recorded their votes and the ballots were counted by the committee. Candidates were selected for the nine seats up for appointment. Steve Harris, on behalf of the Election Committee recommended the following seat assignments:

Industrial –	Ken Beegles (reappointed)
Recreational –	Tim Hunter (reappointed)
Agricultural -	Mike Canterbury (replaces Jerry McCaw)
Environmental -	Meghan Maloney (replaces Chuck Wanner)
Domestic Water –	Carrie Lile (replaces Raymond Keith)

At large – Ann Oliver (replaces Monte Nusland)  
At large – Mike Preston (reappointed)  
At large – Val Valentine (replaces Hal Pierce)  
At large – Chuck Wanner (replaces Mark Ragsdale)

Steve Harris moved to accept the outcome of the election and the seating designation recommendations. The motion was seconded. There was general consensus that the election be accepted. Mike thanked those members who were leaving the roundtable for their dedicated service.

## **Overview of CWCB reports & Roundtable Comments**

Greg Johnson and Nicole Rowan gave a report to the Roundtable on key studies that were being finalized in November, as a step towards a final report on the 2010 Statewide Needs Assessment to be completed in January of 2011. Greg and Nicole stayed after the Roundtable to meet with a subgroup to discuss how best to share information with Roundtable members that want to comment or otherwise get involved in these reports. As recommended by the subgroup, on September 14, the follow products were circulated to the Southwest Roundtable list:

- A PDF of the power point overview presented by Greg and Nicole
- The Technical memo on current and 2050 agricultural demands
- Agricultural Transfer Methods and Grant Program
- Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment – Phase 2
- 2050 M&I Gap Analysis

## **Proposals for Basin Funds**

### **San Juan Citizens Alliance – “A Way Forward”**

**\$25,000**

Ernie Williams from the Lower Dolores Legislative Subcommittee and Dolores County Commissioner, and Amber Kelly of the Subcommittee and San Juan Citizens Alliance gave the presentation. They requested funding to hire independent scientists to review the status of native fish below McPhee Reservoir, and opportunities to improve the status of Natives within available water supplies. \$25,000 was requested as a part of and \$80,000 project budget. The project is part of a larger process to develop NCA legislation for the Dolores River Corridor as an alternative to Wild and Scenic Suitability. Ken moved to approve the request and it was seconded by April. There was consensus to approve.

### **La Plata – Cherry Creek Ditch Diversion Improvement**

**\$25,000**

Wally Patcheck, President of the Ditch Company made a presentation. They need to improve the Cherry Creek ditch diversion. This efficiency improvement will make more water available in a water critical area also constrained by compact obligations to New Mexico. The new diversion will also reduce impacts on the river at the point of diversion. The total cost of the project is \$130,000. They are requesting funding from Southwestern Water Conservation District and NRCS in addition to the Basin Roundtable. John Taylor moved to approve the request. There was consensus to approve.

### **Lake Nighthorse Recreational Plan**

**\$25,000**

Jane Maxson, Animas – La Plata Water Conservancy District, made the presentation and answered questions. The request would cover creating 3 elements of the Lake Nighthorse Recreation Plan: 1) Water Quality Treatment Guidelines, 2) Invasive Species Management, and 3) Wildlife Habitat Enhancements. Both SWCD and ALPWCD contributed \$25,000 each for the plan, and need another \$100,000 to complete it. Steve Fearn moved and John Taylor seconded that the request be approved.

The request was approved on the condition that ALPWCD gets support from other entities to partner on funding opportunities such as GOCO.

### **Totten Reservoir Hydrographic Survey**

**\$29,500**

Ken Curtis, Engineer for Dolores Water Conservancy District, made the presentation. The request is to update the reservoir area capacity data required by Colorado law. The District will hire the USGS to provide a hydrographic survey report. This will help bring the reservoir into compliance to increase beneficial M&I and agricultural use from this existing reservoir. John Taylor moved, and Peter Ortego seconded that the request be approved. There was consensus that the request be approved.

### **Aspen Springs Metro Water Filling Station**

**\$30,000**

Patrick Ullrich, Aspen Springs Metro District, made the presentation. The funding will partially fund construction of the water filling station in order to provide potable water to the residents of Aspen Springs and surrounding area. John Taylor moved, and Val Valentine seconded to approve the request. There was consensus that the request be approved.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kristin Maharg, CFWE announced that CFWE scholarships are available for cross basin conventions.

Mike announced that new applications will be accepted for Basin funding at the November meeting.

The roster will be updated and distributed to the members.

## **Upcoming Events**

Oct. 8 Water 101 – Bayfield (from Water Information Program)

Nov. 10 Basin Roundtable Meeting Durango Rec. Center, 2:30 Social, 3:00 call to order

### 2011 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Jan. 12 Cortez

April 13 Durango

July 13 Cortez

Oct. 12 Durango

Mike adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.