

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE YAMPA-WHITE ROUNDTABLE
HELD IN CRAIG, APRIL 15, 2009**

Tom Sharp called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. Members in attendance were Ren Martyn, Bruce Lindahl, Dan Birch, Jeff Devere, Dan Craig, Geoff Blakeslee, Tom Sharp, Doug Monger, David Smith, Tom Gray, Darryl Steele, Jon Hill, T. Wright Dickinson, Douglas Wellman, Don Jones, and Jeff Comstock.

Approval of the January meeting minutes postponed until next meeting.

Report from IBCC Representatives: Dan Birch said the IBCC was working on the difference between new water demands versus shortfall. Discussion on issues related to continued conversion of agricultural water, large trans-basin diversion project(s) and/or conservation role. Difficulties trying to determine the shortfall and how to meet the gap. Next IBCC meeting is on 7/20/09 in Crested Butte.

Presentations:

Non Consumptive Water Needs Study:

Geoff Blakeslee led discussion regarding the maps and ways to prioritize and value stream segments. Need for more detailed ecological information on private property and the maps and legend correspond accurately. Comments to simplify the prioritization process by focusing on main river sections.

Send comments on the current maps to Geoff by April 29.

Additional “Non-consumptive needs” meetings will be:

May 6: City Hall in Craig at 2pm.

May 13: Maps to be redistributed with input/updates from prior meeting

May 21: Special Roundtable meeting, Holiday Inn 6:30.

Headwaters Magazine:

Nicole Seltzer, director, is proposing a Headwaters publication on the Yampa Basin for the October or January magazine. Headwaters is published by Colorado Foundation of Water Education. Publication could be used for our roundtable’s ongoing education outreach program. \$30,000 to publish the magazine, 6500 copies, \$20,000 contribution required from Yampa/White/Green Roundtable and \$10,000 participation from Headwaters. Decision to proceed or not will be at the July meeting.

Marsha Daughenbaugh/Education Outreach presentation postpone until July meeting.

Reports:

Agricultural Needs: Jeff: draft available in May.

Town of Yampa: Janet Ray, Yampa town clerk, stated they are not under contract with the State of Colorado.

Sandwash: Received notice to proceed.

Sparks Reservoir: Core drill completed and report coming.

Energy Study: Dan Birch, motion and approved to add Forrest Luke to the committee. Phase II is proceeding and should be completed by spring 2010 with a \$200,000 budget.

Water Quality: Doug Monger: report and baseline study will be completed in 9 months. Draft will be available.

Morrison Creek: Study completed and will present at July meeting.

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Regional water planning issues: Jeff Devere: Discussion regarding larger issues and roundtable's need to consider larger issues like conservation policies, Maybell pumpback. Request for large proactive issues to be on future agendas.

Aaron Million Water Project: motion approved to comment to Army Corps on the scope of the study. Subcommittee formed to write and submit the comments by May 19 deadline.

Next meeting: May 21, 2009, 6:30pm in Craig, Co.