

Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting

Holiday Inn Express

Montrose, Colorado

May 2, 2011

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
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
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Olen Lund	Delta County
John McCLOW	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
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:

Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Vacant	Gunnison County
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (CDWR), Dave Kanzer (At Large), Gary Shellhorn (USFS), Denis Reich (CSU Extension).

Public: Nicole Rowan (CDM), Greg Johnson (CWCB).

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 membership was one member short of a quorum. However, eventually enough members arrived to make a quorum.

Approve Agenda

Ken Spann wanted to add a possible ratification to item 4 on the Agenda.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve April 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel requested a change to minutes at the top of page 2 to correct Mike Gibson's affiliation from San Luis Valley Water "Conservation District" to "Conservancy District."

Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the April 4, 2011 meeting minutes as amended. Tom Alvey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe stated that he had attended the IBCC meeting the previous Friday and that it was well attended. There are new members on the Committee from the North Platte and Yampa Roundtables. The general atmosphere was to push the IBCC to identify projects and move forward with them.

He passed out the subcommittee report that had been put together since the State summit. The report lays out what each subcommittee wants to do from now until June. They spent a lot of time talking about the agendas of the subcommittees. He was a little troubled about some discussion regarding moving projects forward without much concern about risk management, and was told they would get back to risk management in June. The IBCC is trying to determine demand at specific areas rather than total demand. The IBCC and CDM would like the Roundtable to wrap up the Needs Assessment processes by the June 23rd meeting, at which time they will have new chores for the basin roundtables.

Olen Lund also attended the meeting and stated that he wasn't sure which direction the IBCC was headed, and that he felt they didn't know what to do with "grass roots" or what to do with the Roundtables. He was also disappointed that the letter from the Roundtable was not distributed in the packet for the meeting, but they were distributed later at the meeting and was not sure how many IBCC members read it. Bill Trampe mentioned that Director Stulp did apologize that the letter was not included in the packets.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to ratify the IBCC report by the IBCC Representatives. George Sibley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley stated that he had nothing to report that would not be covered later in the meeting.

Report from CWCB Representative

John McCloy stated that there had been no meeting since the last roundtable meeting. A CWCB planning session meeting is scheduled for the following day, and the next CWCB meeting is scheduled in two weeks.

1. Agricultural Shortages – Report from SWSI 2010 Gunnison Basin Subcommittee.

Tom Alvey stated that they met and discussed the portion of the report regarding the Gunnison Basin. They included categories and projects that fit those categories. He asked that anyone with further input to let them know quickly. He also asked for input for the category “efficiency.” The report will need to be wrapped up for the most part by the end of the month.

Steve Glazer added that he thinks it is important to identify water quality as an important factor in protection of our beneficial uses of water, and feels that there are at least three IPP’s that need to be added to that part of the report.

2. Non-Consumptive Needs Assessments – Introduction to Phase 2 Report.

Steve Glazer stated that he would like to take action to formally make the final draft introduction part of the Phase II report. Steve then made a motion to adopt the Phase II Non-Consumptive Needs Assessment report as ratified earlier by the Gunnison Basin Roundtable (Attachment A). Steve Shea seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. SWSI 2010 Basin Reports – Nicole Rowan and Greg Johnson were present to discuss the status and timeline for the submission of the SWSI 2010 Basin Reports.

They had no presentation, but were there to answer questions and looking for input on the conclusion section. Greg suggested pulling material from the letter to Director Stulp as a beginning for the conclusion section.

4. Response to Proposed IBCC Framework – The final draft of this letter was mailed to IBCC Director John Stulp on April 22, 2011.

Ken Spann thanked all who helped with the letter to Director Stulp (Attachment B). Ken then made a motion to ratify the action of the chairperson in sending the letter to John Stulp, the Director of the IBCC, in response to the Proposed IBCC Framework. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the letter also be sent to the Governor, as well as to the Legislators. John McCloy made a motion to send carbon copies of the letter to each of the State Legislators. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Michelle Pierce agreed to send the letter.

5. Proposed Education Plan

George Sibley presented and discussed the draft education plan slideshow that is being developed. George asked for help on the agricultural issue. The slideshow is a twenty-five minute presentation that will be given at the State of the River meeting taking place next month after the next Roundtable meeting.

6. Presentations to Roundtables – The Roundtable members discussed whether a committee should be formed to develop a new presentation and travel to the other eight other Roundtables to give updated information during their upcoming meetings.

Bill Trampe mentioned that the IBCC is going to request the roundtables start working with modeling and develop their own user framework and develop their own mid-supply/mid-demand portfolios, and then share them with other roundtables.

The volunteers for this committee are: Michelle Pierce, John McCloy, Olen Lund, Hugh Sanburg, George Sibley, Adam Turner, Bill Trampe.

7. Four West Slope Roundtable Meeting – There will be a four West Slope Roundtable meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Ute Water Conservancy District Office in Grand Junction. The Roundtable members discussed an overview of the Agenda, and Michelle asked for input. She will be in a conference call with the other three West Slope Roundtable Chairs to refine the Agenda. Michelle encouraged the members to attend the meeting.

8. Retirement Reception for Dick Margetts – There will be a reception on May 26 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express for Dick Margetts who is retiring at the end of May.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce to send copies of the Stulp letter dated April 22, 2011, to the State Legislators.