

**Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
- American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse –  
(0.9 mile North of Holiday Inn on Right Side)  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Tom Gray called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

**Introductions of Members and Audience:** Introductions of all in attendance occurred. Included in attendance was Governor Hickenlooper's appointment to the position of Special Policy Advisor to the Governor / IBCC Director and former Commissioner of Agriculture John Stulp. John Stulp discussed state issues, Governor Hickenlooper's support of the IBCC process, and the importance of the IBCC and the Roundtables in Colorado's water future.

**Approve/Modify Agenda:** There were no changes and or additions to the agenda.

**Review and Approval of December 15, 2010 Minutes:** The approval of the 12/15/2010 minutes were deferred till later in the meeting.

**Presentations:**

**Yampa River/Walker Ditch River Restoration Project** (Second Reading)

Doug Monger indicated that there were no changes or additions to the project since the first presentation on the project. Doug reminded the group that the project had been approved at first reading during the December meeting. There were no questions or comments. Mary Brown moved and T. Wright Dickenson seconded, to recommend approval of the project to the CWCB. That recommendation included both the use of Basin funds as well as State funds, as well as approving the request for a letter from the Roundtable for the CWCB to waive their posting requirements on the grant project.

**IBCC Planning Framework** – Jacob Bornstein – Jacob started off the discussion of the Planning Framework and the desire to have the document and process be a bottom up process. He also indicated that this discussion was happening at all of the roundtables. Dan Birch the Y/W IBCC member further elaborated the importance of having input in tonight's meeting so that can be included in the final version of the Framework. At that time the group participated in a polling exercise regarding the likes and dislikes of the framework. Emphasis was placed on the New Supply summary.

**Transbasin Projects Analysis** –Sue Morea/ T.Wright -T. Wright led off the discussion on the scope of the proposed project. There was general discussion on phases one and two of the project. The majority of the discussion revolved around phase three of the project. It was in agreement that phase one and two was appropriate and should also include the White River in the phases. The majority agreed that phase three should be worded as such.

**TASK 3 –Comparison of Statewide Alternatives Water Right Priority Dates with those of the Yampa White Basin**

**Description of Task**

The purpose of this task is to examine potential statewide alternatives water right priorities and examine how their potential implementation compares to existing water rights in the Yampa, White and Green river basins. The majority of statewide alternatives have been examined at reconnaissance level; however, their impact on existing water rights in these basins has not been explored. Motion by T. Wright, Second by Tom Sharp, motion passed with one against. Motion included the request by the roundtable to have CWCB waive their posting requirements.

## **1. Reports**

- a. **IBCC Update** (Dan Birch/Jeff Devere/T.Wright Dickinson) No further update.
- b. **Arkansas Basin task force update** – Tom Gray, Tom commented that the task force is continuing to meet, and is presently undertaking a Web based survey of potential interested parties.
- c. **Discussion about content of Yampa/White/Green Basin Report**- Tom Gray; Jacob Bornstein started off the discussion by talking about a Basin Report that will be put together for every basin in the state which will constitute a State-wide Report. It was agreed that each of the subcommittees that have monitored various parts of the Needs Study will review their portions of the Basin Report.
- d. **Non-Consumptive Committee Update** – Geoff Blakeslee/Kent Vertrees; This committee has not been able to meet due to various reasons. They will collectively work to schedule a meeting to complete the process.

## **2. Status Reports SB-179 Grants and Studies:**

1. **Yellow Jacket Conservancy District** – Trina Brown; Kelly Sheridan told the group that the group was still working on the study. Questions were poised regarding some objections to certain water rights. It was clarified that part of the study was the review of water rights and their applicability.
2. **Roundtable Public Education Project** -Marsha Daughenbaugh or Mary Brown: Marsha provided the group with the final report on the Water Forum Grant Project. There were a total of four forums, and 270 registered participants. Twenty-six speakers presented. Nineteen realtors participated receiving 123 Continuing Education Credit Hours, and there were numerous private sponsors. Income from the event included \$10,000(CWCB) \$4650(Sponsorships) \$2470(Participant Registration) \$360(Continuing Education Credit Processing). Expenses included \$5630(Advertising) \$980(Refreshments) \$385(facilities rent) \$214(printing-misc), +/- 500 hours coordination time. All thanked Marsha, Agriculture Alliance, and the Roundtable Education Committee for a great project. The Agriculture Alliance was also invited to respond to any future project on education for the Roundtable.
3. **Yampa Climate Change Research**- Shannon McNeely; no report

**Review and Approval of December 15, 2010 Minutes:** Forrest Luke moved, and Mary Brown seconded to approve the minutes for December 15, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Action Items:** None presented

**Announcements:** None presented

**Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** March 3, 2011-Denver- Statewide Roundtable Summit;  
April 20,2011-Yampa White Roundtable meeting-American Legion Hall Craig

**Adjournment:** No other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Douglas B. Monger acting secretary.