

# **Interbasin Compact Committee Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting**

**Holiday Inn Express**

**Montrose, Colorado**

**August 1, 2011**

## **Voting Members Present:**

Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Glazer	Environmental
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

## **Voting Members Absent:**

Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

## **Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

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

**Public:** Jim Durr (sitting in for Austin Kaiser), Glenn Sommer (Center of Biological Diversity); Pat Dalton, Derek Branton, Cliff Davis, Judy Davis, Lora Wynn, Steve Whiting, Slade Connell (Grand Mesa Reservoir Company); Jennifer Sudiberg (High Country Citizens Alliance); Todd Doherty (CWCB), Jennifer Gimble (Exec. Dir. 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 a quorum was present.

Michelle Pierce introduced and welcomed new voting member Rufus Wilderson, representing Gunnison County, and Jennifer Gimble, Executive Director of the CWCB.

### **Approve Agenda**

Michelle Pierce asked to amend the Agenda removing item #5, as there will be no September meeting, as well as to move the Grand Mesa Reservoir project proposal from item #4, to item #1, to accommodate those in attendance who do not need to attend the entire meeting.

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

### **Approve June 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the June 6, 2011 meeting minutes. Bill Nesbit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Report from the IBCC Representatives**

Steve Glazer stated that he felt the Gunnison Basin Roundtable had a lack of representation at the IBCC meetings, and felt a new IBCC representative should be appointed to replace Marc Catlin. Olen Lund indicated that as the Alternate IBCC Representative, he is always willing to represent the Roundtable on the IBCC. Bill Trampe told the group that he cannot adequately represent the interests of the Lower Gunnison Basin.

John McCLOW made a motion to appoint Olen Lund as IBCC Representative for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Steve Glazer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

It was requested that any member that was interested in serving as the Alternate IBCC Representative should contact Michelle Pierce.

Bill Trampe reported that the IBCC met on June 23<sup>rd</sup> in Glenwood Springs. There was a good turnout and it was a good meeting. The morning session was devoted to SWSI 2010 items, discussing the gap technical work, the new supply IP&P subcommittee reports and working with the Portfolio Tool. Bill mentioned that one intended purpose of the Tool will be to promote discussion among the Roundtables regarding commonalities among the basins and how to go about filling "the gap". The afternoon session was spent discussing basin reports. Each basin discussed its own basin report and where each felt they needed to go in the future. Bill felt that the Ag shortages portion of the Gunnison Basin report still needs work, and that hopefully the

Roundtable can continue to work on it as the opportunity arises in the future. Bill also said that Risk Management is an important issue that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

Tom Alvey made a motion to ratify Bill Trampe's IBCC report. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Report from the Educational Committee**

George Sibley stated that the Educational Committee is still working on getting Steve Gunderson to speak about water quality and anticipates this will happen in October. George stated that he would like to invite municipal officials as well as other Gunnison Basin people who need to know about this topic. It was also requested that the Roundtable members provide feedback on what topics they would like to have included. George requested approximately 1.5 hours on the October agenda for this presentation.

### **Report from CWCB Representative**

John McCloy submitted a report to the Roundtable and there were no questions or comments on his report.

#### **1. Project Proposal – Grand Mesa Reservoir Company**

Tom Alvey reported that the proposal is for the Grand Mesa Reservoir #6, consisting of 5 small reservoirs on top of the Grand Mesa that have outlet pipe issues. The Grand Mesa Reservoir Company services 17 shareholders in the Kannah Creek area. The largest usage of the water is for agriculture. The Screening Committee recommends approval.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to approve the Grand Mesa Reservoir project proposal in the amount of \$19,600 from Basin Account funds for lining outlet pipe for Grand Mesa Reservoir #6. Cary Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **2. Flaming Gorge Taskforce**

The Gunnison Basin Roundtable is being asked to appoint 2 people to the Flaming Gorge Task Force (FGTF) and to allocate \$5,000 to each appointee to pay for their travel expenses. It was generally agreed that the idea was an ill-conceived one, but after lengthy discussion it was decided to appoint two members to the FGTF.

Tom Alvey made a motion to appoint two members to the Flaming Gorge Task Force and allocate \$5,000 from basin funds for each appointee, to pay for their travel. Bill Trampe seconded.

An amendment to the motion was made to include that members who were interested in volunteering to be on the task force should contact Michelle Pierce with their interest. The appointments will be made at the October meeting.

George Sibley and Steve Glazer voted against the motion on the grounds that sending appointees to join this Task Force would be giving credence to the idea. The motion passed by majority vote.

**3. Gunnison Basin Report – Public Education and Outreach**

George Sibley discussed how the Roundtable was now responsible to get information contained in the Gunnison Basin Report out to the public. George discussed creating a newsprint magazine, and how to distribute it. The Group discussed what information should be included in the magazine and what the costs would be. Todd Doherty stated that he felt it would be appropriate to use some Basin Account funds for this effort. Tom Alvey mentioned that in order to get a grant for the basin funds there would have to be a third party sponsor, and suggested looking at it as a two part process: first compiling and writing the material, and then how to distribute.

Dixie Luke made a motion to authorize George Sibley to move forward with developing a firm estimate and a table of contents for an informational pamphlet for the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Joanne Fagan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. Statewide Portfolio & Trade Off Tool**

Todd Doherty of the CWCB gave a presentation on the Portfolio and Tradeoff Tool detailing how the program worked. The program gives water availability scenarios based on different values entered. Executive Director Jennifer Gimble assisted in helping Todd give an example of what the tool could do with various sample values provided by Roundtable members.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2011.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

## **Action Items**

Members interested in serving as Alternate IBCC Representative to contact Michelle Pierce.

Roundtable members are requested to provide feedback to the Educational Committee on what topics they would like to have included on water quality at the October educational presentation by Steve Gunderson.

Members interested in appointment to the Flaming Gorge Task Force should contact Michelle Pierce.

George Sibley will move forward on TOC for Gunnison Basin informational pamphlet and develop budget to produce 26,000 copies of a newsprint pamphlet.