

**Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2011
- American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse –
(0.9 mile North of Holiday Inn on Right Side)
6:00 p.m. – 9:50 p.m.**

Attendees:

Bruce Lindahl	Dan Birch	Dan Craig
Don Jones	Doug Monger	Darryl Steele
Erin Light	Jeff Comstock	Jeffrey Devere
Kai Turner	Ken Brenner	Kevin McBride
Nicole Rowan	Ren Martyn	Russell George
Shannon McNeeley	Tom Gray	Tom Sharp
Steve Colby	Philo Shelton	Alan Gilbert
	Marsha	
Kelly Bedell	Daughenbaugh	May Rissen
Zack Christ	Desiree Brown	Philip Moore
Erin Wilson	Matt Brown	Roy Alvarado
Tamara Naumann	Emily Spencer	Gina Combs
Wendy Reynolds	Matt Anderson	Jeff Drost
Brain Hodge	Diann Ritschard	David Graf
Tom Chart	Jay Fetcher	Brian Romig

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Tom Gray called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Introductions of Members and Audience: Introductions of all in attendance occurred. 14 Voting members attended the meeting this evening.

Approve/Modify Agenda: There were minor changes and or additions to the agenda. Birch/Jones approved the Agenda for this meeting.

Review and Approval of April 20, 2011 Minutes: There was a Motion to approve the Minutes from the April 20, 2011; Doug Monger /Jeff Comstock / unanimous.

Presentations:

America's Great Outdoors: Yampa River Basin Initiative – Alan Gilbert-Assistant to Secretary Salazar

There was approximately a 40 to 50 minute extensive discussion with the Roundtable. Several points of interest were given by Mr. Gilbert with regard to the AGO; 1) Protect Large Rural Landscapes; 2) Protect Rivers and River Systems; 3) Great Urban Parks (expose City persons to the Rural areas); 4) Linking Conservation with Jobs; and 5) Reconnect our Youth with America's Great Outdoors.

Colorado River Water Availability Study – Ray Alvarado, Erin Wilson and Matt Brown

There was approximately an hour or more discussion about Phase 1 of the Colorado Water Availability Study and the State's response to the Basin's comments. Ray, Matt and Erin had a power point presentation for the group discussing the results of the Phase I study. Phase II of the study concerns the future water needs and uses and has not been drafted until Phase I is complete. Two main topics were the Global Climate Model Downscaling and the Basin-Level Hydrology/Water Rights Modeling. Most of the time was spent discussing comments from the Roundtable regarding how the climate change will affect the future water supply.

Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District Master Plan –Kevin McBride – Mr. McBride provided a power point presentation regarding the UYWCDMP.

White River Programmatic Biological Opinion –Tom Chart – Mr. Chart stated that this was a four tier process. Flow recommendations will be completed by the end of the year. There is critical habitat above Rio Blanco. The flow data is needed ASAP.

Basin Report Introduction –Jeff Devere – Mr. Devere was asking for comments about the draft of the Basin Report Introduction. There was some discussion on the verbiage and it was commented that there may need to be some minor changes to some of the writing in the draft. The deadline for the draft to be completed is to be June 30, 2011. Anyone with comments should contact Jacob Bornstein or Nicole Rowan.

Second Reading-Yampa River Structures Grant–Ken Brenner –Mr. Brenner presented the second reading for the grant request of \$50,000 for the Yampa River Structures. It was stated that the Friends Of The Yampa ("FOTY") had raised \$20,000 and \$20,000 had been given by the City of Steamboat Springs. There are also other areas where the FOTY have asked for money and will be hearing on those options soon. There was discussion from the Roundtable as to the total amount of the project and time span to complete. Tom Gray called for a Motion to approve the second reading of the Yampa River Structures Grant. Doug Monger seconds with the exception that FOTY gets 50% of the funds from other sources. Hands voted/Unanimous. Motion for a condition that no part of the Basin Funds goes for a cross river containment facility that can be used to put a call on the Yampa River. Sharp/Devere Unanimous.

Nomination of Roundtable Members to the Flaming Gorge Task Force – Tom Gray – Mr. Gray handed out a document regarding what was and is needed from volunteers from the Roundtable and the process. Kevin McBride and Kai Turner volunteered to be representatives from the Yampa/White/Green Basin. Tom Sharp Motioned for volunteers recommended going; Ren Martyn seconded. Unanimous Motion passes. Bruce Lindahl recommended T. Wright Dickinson to be one of the representatives from the ranching/farming community; Doug Monger amended the Motion to say that the Roundtable will support anyone who is a member of the Roundtable to represent the ranching/farming community. Dan Craig Seconded. Unanimous vote.

1. Reports

- a. **IBCC Update- Doug Monger/Jeff Devere-** It was expressed that not a lot got done at the IBCC meeting. Doug Monger expressed concerns that the IBCC is acting as its own entity.
- b. **Non-Consumptive Committee Update – Geoff Blakeslee** –no report
- c. **Roundtable Education Forum Discussion- Ren Martyn and Marsha Daughenbaugh**
Ren and Marsha will draft an education plan for consideration by the roundtable at their next meeting.

2. Status Reports SB-179 Grants and Studies:

1. **Yellow Jacket Conservancy District – Trina Brown;** Trina was unable to be present but sent an e-mail outlining the progress of the project. Tom Gray went over the document at the meeting.
2. **Walker Ditch River Restoration Project –Doug Monger/Geoff Blakeslee-** Doug Monger stated that the RFP is ready to go out. Mr. Monger stated that the project did not have enough funding to do the hydrology and preliminary designing of the project so they paid for the project with their own money.
3. **Projects and Methods Analysis- Sue Morea/T. Wright Dickinson-** Nicole Rowan stated to contact her on this matter if questions arise.

Other Action Items: None presented

Announcements: None presented

Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: October 19, 2011 Yampa White Roundtable meeting-
American Legion Hall Craig

Adjournment: No other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Susan R. Bengston, Secretary.