

NPBRT Minutes: 1-24-12 Meeting

NFS Conf. Room (3-5 PM)

100 Main Street, Walden, CO

Members/Liaisons Present

(* Voting members)

Deb Alpe

Mike Alpe

*Jimmer Baller

Pete Conovitz

*Kent Crowder

Deb Heeney

*Randy Miller

*John Rich

*Rick Wyatt

*Barbara Vasquez

Guests Present

Erin Light

Kristin Maharg

Caid Waldron

Members/Liaisons Absent

*Mike Allnutt

Paula Belcher

*James Carothers

*Scott Fischer

*Tom Hackleman

*Mike Honholz

*Kay Meyring

Carl Trick II

Ann Timberman

Hunter Townsend

*Ty Wattenberg

Michael Wright

I. Agenda Review: The agenda was accepted as published.

II. Approval of NPBRT Minutes: Dec. 6, 2011 Meetings

There were clarifications on the 9/20 meeting minutes offered by Carl Trick, Kent Crowder and Ty Wattenberg in the sections dealing with the Flaming Gorge Taskforce and the vote to sunset the NCNA committee. It was moved (Ty Wattenburg), seconded (Jim Baller) and approved by the RT members to accept the 9/20 minutes as modified and the 10/25 minutes as published. Final 9/20 minutes will be distributed separately.

III. North Platte Basin Educational Projects (Booklet and Education Action Plan Update) –Kristin Maharg, CFWE and Deb Alpe, Education Liaison

Kristin reported that the NP Basin booklet has been completed. 1500 copies were delivered to Kent's office and Kent brought many copies to distribute to RT members. Kristin pointed out a printer error on multiple pages, where photos or inset boxes were surrounded with an unintended shadow. The graphic designer has negotiated

with the printer to fix this error and run 1000 new copies without additional cost to our project. There was discussion about the potential financial consequences for the printer, but Kristin assured us that the deal the graphic designer has made is fair.

The second part of the project is to produce a Powerpoint presentation that can be used as a platform for our outreach and education efforts in the Basin and beyond. This was the subject of an Education Committee meeting immediately prior to this NPBRT meeting. It is envisioned that the Powerpoint presentation will be approximately 20 slides that will include both Statewide info and Basin-specific info. The presentation will be customizable so that additional slides can be added to elaborate on specific topics, depending on the intended audience and/or speaker. Deb will use part of the \$1800 annual allocation to the Basin Edu & Outreach Committee to buy notebooks and assemble a speakers' resource package with the CD (containing the powerpoint presentation, an electronic version of the NPB Report and other relevant materials) and a paper copy of the Basin Report. The RT gave Kristin and Deb the 'green light' to proceed. Deb said the draft powerpoint will be communicated by email to the committee members first for review, then brought to the full RT. Depending on Kristin's workload, we may see the first draft at the next meeting.

Deb Alpe walked through the updated EAP, which will be included with the meeting minutes. It is required that each RT review, update and approve their EAP each year to qualify for the \$1800. She also passed out the Colorado Water 2012 Talking Points.

The Water 2012 display board will be sent to the JC Library in time for use at the Stockgrower's meeting and Fair. The display board will be created such that the two flanking wings deal with state-wide data and issues, whereas the middle section will be customized for each Basin. Each Basin will only get the display board for certain time windows. Barbara asked if it might be possible to get an electronic version of the middle section, to be printed out for display at the Library, the school and/or NP Museum.

IV. Preparation for outreach to property owners

WSRA Project – North Park Irrigated Meadow Conservation Program – Phase 1

– Matt Reddy, Regional Biologist, Ducks Unlimited, Inc

Matt was unable to attend, so the update is postponed to next month's meeting.

V. *Presentation on Walden Reservoir Company WSRA Project - Structure for Water Control*– Deb Heeney, District Conservationist, NRCS

Deb made a nice presentation of the Walden Reservoir Project, demonstrating the work required from design through completion. It's fabricated from 3000psi concrete in 9-10' walls and aluminum gates. Several photos in the presentation document demolition of the old structure and fabrication of the new structure. Kent thanked Caid, who did the construction, for the roll of photos of the project at various stages of completion, which Kent digitized. The cost of the project came in under budget, with \$23,900 contributed from WSRA funds. For details, please see the powerpoint

presentation sent by separate email. Deb commented that this project planted the seed with the Jackson County Water Conservancy District for the next 4-5 projects.

VI. IBCC/CWCB updates: Carl Trick II/John Rich/Kent Crowder

No IBCC update because there has not been a meeting since Dec. There will be no CWCB update because the CWCB meeting is running concurrently with this meeting.

Kent addressed the upcoming Statewide RT Summit (Mar. 1). The organizers are expecting approximately 500 people including IBCC / CWCB members & staff, RT members, consultants, nonprofits and public at large. All RT members should have received notice for this Statewide Summit. Kay mentioned she had not, so Barbara will forward the notice to her. Kent asked if any of the RT members were planning on attending the Statewide Summit. Barbara responded that she had already registered. Kent explained that funds to support RT member travel to the summit had been allocated to RTs based on the distance from the meeting. NPBRT has \$500 allocated and it will be shared equally with NPBRT members who attend the meeting who are not otherwise supported by CWCB/IBCC. Members attending the Summit will use the state's reimbursement forms to be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred. Kent requested that any RT member who signs up for the Summit to notify him that they are going to attend.

The timeline for the Portfolio tool is to integrate the 'bottoms up' input from RTs by Apr/May timeframe, when it will be rolled out to the IBCC and be finalized by May/June of this year.

Kent also shared the request from the IBCC to each RT to update their NCN projects & processes and summarize how they plan to move forward with NCN implementation. He emphasized that since there was no longer an NCN Committee, the response to the request will be provided by the RT as a whole. There are only a few projects that were listed for our basin that were unfinished at the time we pulled together the list. Barbara suggested she could help update the status of these projects. There was discussion and comments by Kent and several RT members that almost all of our funded projects to date could be considered 'win-win' as many have NCN components or benefits. Although this is true, Barbara pointed out that in all these cases, the consumptive benefit was clearly primary. For balance, it would be advantageous to bring forward project proposals for which the NCN benefit is primary, and a consumptive benefit is also provided. Barbara mentioned there is a Statewide workshop on Instream Flow combined for the first time with Nonconsumptive Needs Assessment planned for Feb 22.

Kent reminded us we would be scheduling our NPBRT annual meeting to be held prior to April 1st as required by our bylaws.

VII. Old Business

None

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VI. Set Next Meeting: The date for the next meeting is set for Tue, Feb. 28, 3-5PM (winter hours). The March meeting was also scheduled for March 27, 2012 from 3-5 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

With these minutes

- 1) Updated NP EAP 2012 (from Deb Alpe)
- 2) Colorado Water 2012 Talking Points
- 3) Statewide Summit Agenda 3-1-12
- 4) Memo to Charis Revisiting IPPs (Kent)
- 5) ISF & NCNA Statewide Workshop Feb 22 (Barbara)
- 6) NCN Request from IBCC 12-11-11

Separate email

- 7) Presentation made by Deb Heeney
- 8) Outline of planned NPB Education Package (from Kristin Maharg)