

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Holiday Inn Express  
Montrose, Colorado  
February 6, 2012**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

**Voting Members Absent:**

Marc Catlin	At-Large Member
Olen Lund	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Vacant	Environmental
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

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

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (CDOW Liaison), David Kanzer (At Large), Gary Shellhorn (USFS), Jedd Sondergard (BLM), Denis Reich (CSU Extension Liaison).

**Public:** Hannah Holm (Colorado Mesa University Water Center), Todd Doherty (CWCB), Ted Kowalski (CWCB), Jennifer Bock (HCCA), John Carron and Matt Bliss (Hydros Consulting), Robert Wigginton (Nature Conservancy), Bob Halley (Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District), Ken Nelson (North Delta Ditch), Lynn French (North Ditch Irrigation Company).

### **Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce, following a joint meeting with the Arkansas Basin.

### **Roll Call/Introductions**

Following roll call it was declared that a quorum was present.

### **Approve Agenda**

Michelle Pierce announced an addition to the Agenda will be a proposal from the North Delta Canal. This will be item 9 on the Agenda.

Neal Schwieterman made a motion to accept the Agenda with the additional item. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried.

### **Approve February 6, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Carey Denison seconded, and the motion carried.

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

Bill Trampe stated there had been no meeting since the last Roundtable meeting and there was nothing to report.

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

George Sibley stated there was nothing to report other than agenda matters.

### **Report from the CWCB Representative**

John McCloy circulated his report to Roundtable members via email. No comments were received on his report.

#### **1. Colorado River Compact Issues**

Ted Kowalski, Chief, Interstate and Federal Section, Colorado Water Conservation Board made a presentation on the variety of studies and other efforts being undertaken on this topic. He also discussed the mission and purpose of the CWCB.

#### **2. Gunnison Basin Roundtable – Appointment of Environmental Representative**

The High Country Citizens' Alliance has nominated Jennifer Bock for appointment to the Environmental Representative seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Letters of support were received and circulated to the Roundtable members.

Tim Decker made a motion to appoint Jennifer Bock as the Environmental Representative. Carey Denison seconded, and the motion carried.

**3. Statewide Portfolio and Tradeoff Tool – Analysis for Gunnison Basin by CDM and Subcommittee**

Carey Denison and Todd Doherty discussed several possible scenarios that had been created by the Subcommittee with the portfolio tool. The focus was to decide what should be included in the portfolio report being presented at the Roundtable Summit meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Carey stated he would look into the questions that were brought up and correct the typographical errors in the report.

Bill Trampe offered for consideration a document entitled, '*Risk Assessment Scenario for Portfolio Tool*' that he created that he would like to see attached to the portfolio report. Bill's document was circulated to the Roundtable members. Tom Alvey made a motion to include the Risk Assessment Scenario drafted by Bill Trampe in the portfolio report. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried.

The members then discussed which scenarios would be included in the portfolio report. Carey Denison made a motion to include scenarios 3, 4b, 5 and 6b as the portfolio to be presented at the Summit meeting. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried.

Dixie Luke added that the report should include a statement that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable supports conservation and agriculture.

**4. Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge – Report and Update by Rick Brinkman and Ken Spann.**

Rick Brinkman stated that the Committee had met twice. The first meeting was to get to know everyone, determine protocol, decisions, and etiquette. At the second meeting two additional members were added, representing environmental and recreation, and protocols and decisions were discussed again. Ken circulated an 11-page draft document to the Roundtable outlining the issues. The document was discussed and Roundtable members are asked to give input. The committee is scheduled to meet again on March 27.

**5. Blue Mesa Excess Capacity Sub-Committee – Report on 12/9/11 meeting in Salida.**

McClow stated that the primary purpose of this meeting was to select a contractor to perform the study. CDM was selected as the contractor. Some revisions to the scope of work were requested. Discussion was deferred to Agenda item 6.

Michelle Pierce stated that she had also attended the meeting, adding that there were some concerns expressed by representatives on the Western Slope about using CDM for this study. The concerns were treated seriously and hopefully were addressed.

**6. Blue Mesa Excess Capacity Study**

The fiscal agent for the WSRA grant that is funding this study, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District (SECWCD), is experiencing a TABOR limitation that will prevent SECWCD from accepting the entire amount of the grant. The CWCB is proposing to split the contract between the SECWCD and the Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District, which requires both Roundtables approval.

John McCloy made a motion to split the contract equally between the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District and the Upper Gunnison River Conservancy District. Tim Decker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**7. 2012 Year of Water –**

George Sibley and the Education Committee proposed that the June 4 and August 6 meetings be moved to Gunnison and Hotchkiss, respectively. These meetings will be moved to time with the Aspinall Unit 50th Anniversary Commemoration, and the 50th Anniversary of Paonia Project Completion celebration. The purpose will be to use these events to create opportunities for public education.

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to move the June meeting to Gunnison, and the August meeting to the North Fork area (location TBD). Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**8. 2012 Statewide Roundtable Summit – March 1, 2012, Omni Interlocken Resort, Broomfield, CO.**

Michelle Pierce suggested members get registered for the meeting. She indicated that she would get additional information out to members regarding room availability. She also indicated that some money is available to help with the costs.

Bill Trampe stated that the IBCC is meeting the afternoon before the Summit meeting if anyone wants to attend.

**9. Proposal North Delta Canal – North Delta Irrigation Company, Ken Nelson (North Delta Ditch) and Lynn French (North Delta Irrigation Company).**

Tom Alvey stated that the Screening Committee has received a proposal from the North Delta Irrigation Company to repair a collapsed tunnel. NDIC is requesting \$40,000 from Basin Funds, and \$760,000 from State Funds. The screening committee is supportive but has some concerns, the biggest being lack of time to think it through for the Screening Committee and Roundtable. Approval, contingent on other funding, is recommended. Todd Doherty stated that a waiver of the 60 day time period will be requested due to need to get the repair done prior to this year's irrigation season.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the request for \$40,000 from the Basin Account funds and recommends approval of \$760,000 from State Funds for the project as proposed. The approval of the grant of \$40,000 from Basin Account funds being contingent upon all remaining funding for the project being first secured. Dixie Luke seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ken Spann added that if approved, all efforts should be made to expedite the project in order for the work to be completed prior to this year's irrigation season.

#### **10. Miscellaneous Announcements**

George Sibley announced that he will be sending out some information to the Roundtable members about media pieces, some of which will go into newspapers. He indicated there is a little money from grants to help with costs.

Todd Doherty said that Jennifer Gimble has met with CSU regarding overhead costs that are allocated to project proposals for WSRA funds. As a result, there is now an agreed on policy of 15% overhead on all projects.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

Carey Denison will look into the questions that were brought up regarding the Portfolio report, and to correct the typographical errors in the report.

Roundtable members will give input to Ken Spann on the 11-page document regarding the Flaming Gorge Task Force issues.

Michelle Pierce will get additional information on the Roundtable Summit out to the Roundtable members.

George Sibley will send out information to the Roundtable members about media pieces.