

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
November 5, 2012**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Allen Brown	Hinsdale County
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
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
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
John McCLOW	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
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
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Olen Lund	Delta County
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (DOW liaison), Denis Reich (CSU Extension liaison).

Public: Jacob Bornstein (CWCB), Steve Fletcher (UUVUA), Zach Thode (Rubicon), Agnieszka Przeszlowska (Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership), Annette Aring and Jim Butler (AMCi/Dynotek)

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 quorum was present.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced the following modifications to the Agenda:

- Remove Item number 7, Resignation of Dixie Luke.
- Add a short report on the progress of the Paonia Reservoir project by Dixie Luke.
- Add discussion regarding the Arkansas Basin Roundtable requesting support of a WSRA request for funding.
- Add a Flaming Gorge Committee report.
- Jacob Bornstein will be speaking in place of Todd Doherty.
- John McClow will give a brief update on the Blue Mesa Subcommittee.

Neal Schwieterman made a motion to accept the amended Agenda. Cary Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve August 6, 2012 and October 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

There was no change to the August 6, 2012 minutes. Neal Schwieterman stated he was not present at the October 1, 2012 meeting, although it shows he was.

Wendell Koontz made a motion to accept the August 6, 2012 meeting minutes, and the October 1, 2012 amended minutes. Neal Schwieterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe stated that there was little to report since Jacob Bornstein will cover the details. The next CWCB meeting will be November 15, 2012 in Downtown Denver.

Tom Alvey made a motion to ratify Bill's report at the October 1, 2012 meeting. Austin Keiser seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley stated that the current plan for the newspaper insert is to have it done around Thanksgiving. Pictures are still needed that are not only scenic but that include people. He would like to have the insert done by the mini-summit meeting in December.

Hannah Holm wants to get some presentations to groups as part of the Water Year 2012.

George and Frank Kugel attended a meeting at the Public Education Participation Outreach working group on October 29. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the group's legislative task to inform, educate and involve the public regarding the decision making process with Colorado's water future. There has been little success so far in the involvement of the public. They discussed ways they could get people interested.

George met with a group of people from the Upper Gunnison who are working on a grant proposal to the EPA involving Western State Colorado University, a couple of local organizations and a small foundation that is working on land restoration. The grant proposal for approximately \$200,000 will facilitate work on environmental education. George told that group they should consider the whole basin in their effort, rather than just the Upper Gunnison, and that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable may be a good partner for the effort. George asked for the Roundtable's permission to work with this group to make a grant application. There were no objections from the Roundtable.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McCloy reported on the CWCB met in Berthoud at the end of September:

- The Board heard a progress report on a project called "The Value of Water", a survey of Colorado residents to determine the public's value of water.
- There was a joint meeting with the Colorado River Water Conservation District where they discussed issues of common interest.
- There was a further update of the state's acquisition of Animas-La Plata water and the CWCB is working on finalizing the price of the acquisition.
- The Board approved the Town of Ridgway's application for the Lake Otonowanda improvement project, which is a half grant/half loan project.
- They spent a lot of time listening to Water Supply Reserve Account Grants. A number were retracted at the last minute, including the 2 from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.
- The Board has a grant program for control and removal of invasive species. There is \$500,000 available for next year with maximum grant of \$100,000.
- There is a joint IBCC/CWCB meeting scheduled for next Thursday. The Board is having a party on Wednesday night to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Report from Water Conservation Committee

Frank Kugel said that the Water Conservation Committee had its first meeting on October 15th. The primary purpose of the Committee is to formulate the position for the chairperson to take to the mini-summit in Silverthorne. The intent of the mini-summit is to further discuss water conservation measures for the state. The discussion began with the meeting last spring with Front Range Roundtable members regarding water conservation to use in the portfolio tool for meeting the gap. The task is to further define what we've done in the basin and what could be further done in the future.

Adam Turner and Mike Berry discussed their efforts and findings on water conservation as local water providers. Adam stated that at this point they were asking customers to make small changes such as better sprinklers, and to look at the bigger picture. Mike said they have looked at usage for Tri-County Water customers, and concluded that it will be very difficult to come up with a reasonable conservation goal for this small scale, highly diverse group of water users.

The primary questions that the committee felt should be taken to the mini-summit are:

- How can water providers overcome the lost revenue when conserving water and thereby reducing water sales?
- What should happen to water rights that are no longer being used due to water conservation?
- How can savings from water conservation be applied to the gap?

It was also recommended that importing basins should be expected to do a greater percentage of the conservation. Additionally, how feasible a water conservation program would be for small potable water systems?

Michelle Pierce and Frank Kugel will put together an agenda for the December 2012 mini-summit meeting.

The topic of agricultural water conservation was brought up. Michelle Pierce stated that discussion will be forth coming. She will be talking to the agricultural members before any Roundtable discussion.

Flaming Gorge Task Force

Rick Brinkman said the task force met last week in Glenwood Springs. The majority of the time was spent on a discussion on water supply and the decision tree flow chart. They did some formatting to make the chart more understandable, and it will be presented to the joint CWCB/IBCC meeting on November 15. Gary Barber will be giving the presentation.

They also spent some time on the final Flaming Gorge Report. The report will most likely include potential impacts of the Flaming Gorge project, opportunities, and what a good, new water supply project might look like.

Blue Mesa Subcommittee

John McCloy said that there had been a couple of meetings, the last one on September 26. The meeting focused on CDM modeling to create a model for different scenarios to model different conditions. Many potential variables were discovered, and there were a number of suggestions which will be incorporated into the draft model. The next meeting will be a “model workshop” on November 12 at 2:00 p.m. at CDM.

1. Scenario Planning – Presentation by Jacob Bornstein.

Jacob Bornstein gave a presentation on where the IBCC is at with the scenario planning and adaptive planning processes. Jacob stated that the ultimate aim is a statewide water plan. At this point there are a few things that everyone is in agreement with and they can now start moving forward on those items. There will be discussion at the joint meeting on the 15th on the things that need to get moving quickly.

2. Presentation - Canal Automation/Modernization

Zach Thode, Project Delivery Engineer for Rubicon Water, presented information about these new technologies using a case study from a project in Australia. Zach discussed how much water they were able to conserve with automation and control of irrigation water.

3. Presentation – ‘Saving water, energy, effort, and mileage in a working water solution’

Annette Aring and Jim Butler of AMCi/Dynotek gave a presentation titled “Teaming Together for Total Water Solutions”. This presentation was about remote monitoring, control tracking and asset management with both cellular and satellite communications using Dynotek automated water diversion equipment.

4. Project Proposal – Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, \$22,186.62 from Basin Account Funds for Crystal Lake Fishing Pier.

Tom Alvey reintroduced this project proposal, stating it is for an ADA compliant fishing pier at the north end of Ironton Park. The Screening Committee thinks it is an admirable project, but questions whether it is appropriate for Basin funds.

The project representative, Agnieszka Przeszlowska, stated that the proposal is for full-funding, but they could ask for match funding.

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to deny the project proposal from Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership for \$22,186.62 from Basin Account Funds for the Crystal Lake Fishing Pier. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Project Proposal – Colorado Open Lands, \$167,000 from Basin Account Funds for Lake San Cristobal Inlet Preservation and Fishing Access Project.

Tom Alvey introduced this project proposal, stating that there are concerns with the amount of the grant request, and they are troubled that the Colorado Open Lands group is not a Gunnison Basin group. The final concern is the appropriateness of spending basin money on this type of project. However, the committee feels that it is a worthwhile project.

There was discussion and a motion to approve the proposal conditional on rewriting the proposal so that 10% comes from basin funds and 90% from statewide funds not to

exceed \$167,000. This motion was withdrawn after more discussion. Another motion was made to include conditions on the receipt of additional funding. This motion was also withdrawn.

It was decided that a January meeting would be scheduled, and that the applicant should resubmit their proposal with the stated conditions. The proposal will be reviewed again on January 7.

- 6. Water Supply Reserve Account** – The Roundtable members will discuss establishment of a deadline for submission of applications to the Project Screening Committee for funding from the Water Supply Reserve Account.

This item was moved to the January 7, 2013 Agenda.

- 7. Paonia Dam Project** - Dixie Luke gave a short report on the progress of the funded Paonia Dam study. She said that Phase I of the project has been completed, and that they are at Phase II, or close. She said they were moving forward and she would give a more complete report in January.

- 8. Roundtable Membership & Attendance** – The Roundtable members will review and discuss continuing vacancies in membership and truancy standards for meeting attendance.

This item will be included in the January 7 Agenda.

- 9. Annual Meeting** – Election of Officers.

Ken Spann made a motion for the current officers to be re-elected for another term and be approved by unanimous vote. Several seconds were received simultaneously and the motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Arkansas Basin Roundtable** – Application for Water Supply Funding for the Colorado Mountain College project.

This item will be included in the January 7 Agenda.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2013, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Adjourn There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce and Frank Kugel will put together an agenda for the December 2012 mini-summit meeting.