

**NPBRT Minutes: 10-23-12 Meeting  
USFS Conf. Room (7-9 PM)  
100 Main Street, Walden, CO**

**Members/Liaisons Present**

\*Mike Allnutt  
Mike Alpe  
Paula Belcher  
\*Kent Crowder  
Deb Heeney  
\*Kay Meyering  
\*Randy Miller  
\*John Rich  
Hunter Townsend  
Carl Trick II  
\*Barbara Vasquez  
\*Ty Wattenberg  
\*Rick Wyatt

**Members Absent**

Deb Alpe  
\*Jimmer Baller  
\*James Carothers  
Pete Conovitz  
\* Scott Fischer  
\*Tom Hackleman  
\*Mike Honholz  
Ann Timberman

**Visitors Present**

Erin Light  
Caid Waldron  
Mike Simmons  
Yellowknife

**I. Agenda Review**

The agenda was accepted as published.

**II. Approval of Roundtable Minutes: Aug 28, 2012 Meeting**

The minutes were approved.

**III. Presentation on Hayden Homestead Center for Sustainable Agronomy-Colorado Mountain College WSRA Application to Arkansas Basin – Funding Request for Basin Account Funds from North Platte Basin Roundtable –** Mike Simon, VP CMC and Dr. Miskwabikwe Yellowknife, CMC Science Professor

Gary Barber, Arkansas River Basin RT Chairman suggested all other Basins in the service area of Colorado Mountain College consider helping to fund this project. For that reason, Kent has invited Mr. Simon and Dr. Yellowknife to present information on their project (presentation distributed with these minutes) which would be implemented on the historic Hayden Homestead Area in the Arkansas Valley. It was noted that Jackson County is not in the taxing district for the College, but that the population is potentially served by the Steamboat Springs campus. There is also discussion of a potential campus in Kremmling. The application for WSRA funding originally submitted to the Arkansas Basin RT requested \$30k basin funds and \$120k state funds. The Arkansas Basin RT has forwarded the grant application, with it's recommendation to apply Basin funds, to the CWCB. Any funding proposed by other basin RTs could help reduce the required state funds.

The Center for Sustainable Agronomy proposal has three phases, all focused on high altitude native plant propagation. Phase 1 has been separately funded and involved the planning and construction of an active/passive solar greenhouse with 0 carbon footprint. Phase 2 involves the planning and construction of a shadehouse as well as forest and wetland nurseries and it is this effort addressed by the WSRA grant application. Their project has attracted many potential partners. The Head of the State Forest nursery is on the advisory board for this project, and potential users include federal and state agencies, nonprofit organization and local governments.

There was considerable discussion about the potential benefits of this project as well as some of the challenges for implementation. Alternatives for the NPBRT to consider for vote at the next meeting include a) no action, b) letter of support or c) commitment of basin account funds.

**IV. Discussion of proposed NPBRT Nonconsumptive and Consumptive Workshop tentatively scheduled for Dec. 1, 2012–** Roundtable members

Kent requested a delay in this workshop until early 2013 due to his workload on County matters.

**IV. Update on IBCC Scenario Planning –** Greg Johnson, CWCB Staff

Greg provided an update on the Scenario Planning (see draft summary distributed with these minutes). Feedback is requested by Nov. 9. The IBCC will be discussing the Scenario Planning in a joint meeting with the CWCB.

**V. Public Education, Participation and Outreach (PEPO) Workgroup of the IBCC Water Communication & Messaging Workshop, Oct. 29, 2012-** Roundtable Members

Kent covered this topic in Deb Alpe's absence. He passed out a description of this workshop planned for Oct. 29 in Evergreen. PEPO is working with the IBCC Water Conservation Subcommittee on "Value of Water" campaign, leveraging the momentum of Water 2012. The campaign is modeled after the CO Tourism Board, a state-wide messaging that doesn't value one use over another. In addition, it was noted that there has been a 68% drop in severance tax which has resulted in cuts to the CWCB and PEPO budgets.

**VI. CWCB /IBCC Update** - Ty Wattenberg (CWCB)/ John Rich (IBCC)

Ty gave a brief update of the last CWCB meeting. He reported that the CWCB is leaning towards open source for the DSS and anticipates a decision by the next meeting.

**VI. Old Business/ New Business**

Old: Kent asked Carl Trick to give a brief update on the Flaming Gorge taskforce. He indicated that the project was 'off the table' right now. Both major proponents have dropped out. The Taskforce has created a flowchart that addresses large water projects in general which will be presented to the joint IBCC-CWCB meeting in November. The Taskforce plans to finalize it by year-end.

New: None

**VII. *Next Meeting Date set Dec. 4, 2012, 3-5PM***

**VIII. Meeting Adjourned**