

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
January 7, 2013**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
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
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Decker	Montrose County
Olen Lund	Delta County
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Vacant	At-Large Member
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (DWR liaison), David Kanzer (At-Large), Gary Shellhorn (USFS liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM liaison).

Public: Jim Pokrandt (CRWCD), Camille Richard (Lake Fork Valley Conservancy, Nathan Henne (Town of Lake City), Colleen Hannon (Colorado Mountain College), Jesse Kruthaupt (Trout Unlimited), Steve Fletcher (UVWUA), Mike Drake (Public), Richard Vangytenbeek (Trout Unlimited), Dan Brauch (Colorado Parks & Wildlife), Jason Ullman (Division Engineers Office).

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.

Michelle Pierce introduced Stan Whinnery who is taking the place of Roundtable member Allen Brown. Michelle also announced that former Roundtable member Steve Glazer is very ill and passed a get well card around for signatures.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced the following modifications to the Agenda:

- A report about an earlier meeting, Michelle Pierce
- 3a. Project Report for Lake Otanowanda, Joanne Fagan
- 9. Flaming Gorge Report, Ken Spann
- 10. Resignation of Roundtable Member Dixie Luke
- 11. Project Report on Relief Ditch, Cary Denison

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

Approve November 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel requested a change on the 3rd page under the CWCB report, where LaPlata Water should be Animas-LaPlata Water.

Wendell Koontz made a motion to accept the November 5, 2012 amended minutes. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that there was a joint meeting with the CWCB on November 15. The morning session was a discussion about the about the water supply reserve account.

The meeting covered an overview approach to scenario planning. There was a lot of time spent discussing implementation of no-regrets. Bill conveyed his frustration with the lack of risk management and requested that the Roundtable readdress and stay focused on this critical issue.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to ratify Bill Trampe's IBCC report. Cary Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

Frank Kugel indicated that George Sibley was absent due to illness. Michelle Pierce gave his update. George says he finally has most of what he has for the newspaper insert magazine, but at this point is thinking that it might be best to hold that project until late March or April, when we will then know better what we are looking at for the rest of this water year, and last year's future is now a little out of date.

Austin Kaiser announced that the Grand Mesa Water Conservancy District along with the Colorado Mesa University is doing two public education meetings, one on the 29th in Orchard City, and another on the 31st in Cedaredge.

Frank Kugel mentioned that Hannah Holm sent over her PowerPoint presentation. Frank gave the presentation last Thursday and it was very well received. He says it is a good exercise and is looking to do more in our area.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow stated that he co-chaired meeting and is equally as frustrated with the progress as Bill Trampe. He feels that the process has become bogged down in generalities, and currently doesn't have much hope for the process. John said that if the Roundtable wants the process to accomplish anything, that there needs to be more input from the Roundtable for Bill Trampe to take to the IBCC to move forward. It is important to let them know of the frustration.

After some discussion about drafting a letter and also having a western slope joint meeting, John McClow suggested developing some alternatives to make the process better, and stated he is willing to help.

Ken Spann made a motion that the Roundtable explores the possibility of having a joint Western Slope Roundtable meeting before the March 5th IBCC meeting, and that the focus of the meeting be an informative presentation on the Basin Study and the status of risk management strategies on the Colorado River. Bill Nesbitt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Michelle Pierce

Michelle Pierce discussed a meeting that took place before the Roundtable meeting with the agricultural representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to start a discussion about how we bring a conversation to the Roundtable about agricultural conservation and efficiencies. That same group will meet again before the regular Roundtable meeting in February, and hopefully will come out of that meeting with a plan to bring the topic up for discussion with the entire Roundtable.

1. **Project Proposal** – Colorado Open Lands, \$16,700 from Basin Account Funds and \$150,300 from Statewide Account Funds for Lake San Cristobal Inlet Preservation & Fishing Access Project

Tom Alvey pointed out that this proposal had been discussed at length at the November meeting. It had been decided that the Roundtable would be in support of the proposal if the applicants made some modifications. The applicants met that request and the screening committee recommends approval.

Dixie Luke made a motion to approve the project proposal from Colorado Open Lands for \$16,700 from Basin Account Funds and \$150,300 from Statewide Account Funds for Lake San Cristobal Inlet Preservation & Fishing Access Project. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Project Proposal - Colorado Mountain College Center for Sustainable Agronomy,** \$25,000 from Basin Account funds for Construction of Shade House and Nurseries

Tom Alvey stated that this is phase 2 of a project to construct a shade house and nursery to harden off plants being grown for revegetation and reforestation particularly in high altitude settings.

Screening Committee feels it is a worthwhile project and recommends a letter of support, but feels that project is not in line with the Gunnison Basin needs.

Wendell Koontz made a motion to accept the recommendation from Project Screening Committee to write a letter of support for the Colorado Mountain College Center for Sustainable Agronomy's application for funds to construct a shade house and nursery. Hugh Sanburg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Project Proposal – Lake Fork Valley Conservancy,** \$28,975 from Basin Account Funds and \$260,111 from Statewide Account Funds for Henson Creek and Lake Fork Confluence Channel Improvement Project

Tom Alvey indicated that there was a lot of discussion regarding this project proposal, and the Screening Committee is divided, but thinks this is an excellent project. Concerns are the amount of funds requested, and also the level of matching funds. The Committee is split 3 ways, and the suggestions range from no funding, to funding a lower amount of \$20,000 with mandatory matching funds, to full funding. There is a consumptive and non-consumptive component, restoration and improvement to a historic diversion for Town of Lake City.

Camille Richard, project proponent, stated that this proposal addresses 2 key elements in the physical and chemical impacts to Hinson Creek. She stated that she has cut the budget from the original proposal by at least \$75,000, and asked for more suggestions for further cutting of the budget. She also stated that there is a lot of support from other agencies.

Tom Alvey made a motion to approve the project proposal from Lake Fork Valley Conservancy for \$28,975 from Basin Account Funds and \$260,111 from Statewide Account Funds, for the Hinson Creek and Lake Fork Confluence Channel Improvement Project. Jennifer Bock seconded. Chuck Mitisek was the only opposing vote, and the motion carried.

- 3a. **Update on Lake Otanowanda Project – Joanne Fagan**

Joanne discussed changes to project. She indicated that next month they will be bringing back a change for the direction of the project. The information on the proposed changes will be submitted to the Screening Committee by the 20th of the month.

4. **Update on Paonia Reservoir Project - Dixie Luke**

Dixie Luke gave an update of the status of this 2-phase project.

5. **Water Conservation Mini-Summit** – December 3, 2012 in Silverthorne. The Roundtable members will discuss the results of this meeting.

A summary of the meeting was circulated to the Roundtable members. Michelle Pierce stated that there was a lot of agreement on the need to implement basic levels of conservation across the board regardless of the size. Generally the members thought it was a worthwhile meeting, and that the Gunnison Basin Roundtable was well represented. Members thanked Michelle for her efforts to put the meeting together.

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

Michelle Pierce stated that there is a need to establish a firm deadline for submission of applications. Tom Alvey agreed that it would be very helpful for the Screening Committee to have a deadline.

Mike Berry made a motion to establish a deadline for project proposals to be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the 1st day of the month preceding the meeting at which the application will be considered. John McCloy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Michelle Pierce stated she will get the website updated.

7. **Resignation** – Marc Catlin

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to accept the resignation of Marc Catlin from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable. Steve Shea seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed ways to fill the vacant positions. At-Large positions require a call for letters of interest. Michelle will advertise in the larger papers in the Basin.

8. **Roundtable Membership & Attendance** – The Roundtable members will review and discuss continuing vacancies in membership and quorum and voting requirements.

Michelle Pierce stated that she has been unable to get appointees for Mesa and Saguache Counties. These vacancies affect the meeting quorum. It was discussed to drop the positions from the list, but decided that a final notification will need to be given before dropping the positions. The positions can be added back in the future if needed. Michelle will add a possible amendment to the bylaws on next month's agenda.

9. **Flaming Gorge Task Force** - Ken Spann

Ken Spann stated that there still needs to be some "Adult Conversation" about risk management. The first recommendation focuses on balanced Roundtable conversation about these issues. Unless risk management issues are dealt with, we cannot allow new supply development to move forward until we have assurances against the risk.

10. Update on Relief Ditch Project - Cary Denison

Cary Denison gave an update on the Relief Ditch project. The project is going quite well and still on schedule to be completed by March 15.

11. Resignation - Dixie Luke

Michelle Pierce read a letter of resignation for Dixie Luke. Dixie stated that she enjoyed working on the Roundtable. Michelle thanked her for her service to the Gunnison Basin.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce to contact Western Slope Roundtables regarding a possible joint meeting to discuss risk management issues.

Michelle Pierce to write a letter of support for the Colorado Mountain College Center for Sustainable Agronomy's application for funds to construct a shade house and nursery.

Michelle Pierce to get the website updated with information on new deadlines for project proposal submission.

Michelle Pierce to advertise in papers for vacancies on the Roundtable.