

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
February 4, 2013**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
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
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Mark Roeber	Delta County
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
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:

Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Vacant	At-Large Member
Vacant	At-Large Member
Vacant	Mesa County
Vacant	Saguache County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Graf (DOW Liaison), David Kanzer (At-Large), Gary Shellhorn (USFS Liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM Liaison).

Public: Steve Fletcher (UVWUA), Hannah Holm (CMU Water Center), Olen Lund (Public), Todd Doherty (CWCB).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Michelle Pierce.

Michelle Pierce introduced new member Mark Roeber, as the newly appointed Delta County representative, taking the place of Olen Lund.

Michelle also clarified that there are 2 At-Large positions open on the Roundtable, and that there are two applicants for those positions.

Roll Call/Introductions

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

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce announced the following modifications to the Agenda:

- Switch items 3 and 4
- Add item 8, Bill Nesbitt

Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the amended Agenda. Tim Decker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Tim Decker questioned the spelling of Hinson Creek. Michelle Pierce stated it should be spelled Henson Creek.

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the January 7, 2013 amended minutes. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe reported that as a result of the discussion about frustration with the 1177 process from the previous Roundtable meeting, he has discovered that the frustration extends across the State. Consequently Jim Pokrant of the River District has initiated a Roundtable Caucus for Roundtable chairs, IBCC representatives and CWCB representatives to discuss the issue. That meeting is scheduled for the 28th of February in Glenwood Springs at the River District office. The effort will be to identify the common denominators for all 4 Roundtables on the west slope, and strategize how to move forward.

The River District held its 1st quarterly meeting in January. The takeaway from that meeting was that the CWCB staff is also struggling with how to proceed with the IBCC process. Bill said the west slope discussion is timely to decide how the Roundtables want the IBCC process to move forward. Because the State staff is struggling with the same issues, maybe this will offer an opportunity to find some common ground to move forward on.

At the Water Congress meeting the previous week, Bill was approached by several CWCB staff who indicated that our Roundtable's ideas about risk management were not being totally

overlooked and that they were working on those issues. They promised that we would know some result of that effort soon.

Olen Lund asked who would be at the meeting at the end of February. Bill said that all four Roundtables had accepted the invitation to be at the meeting. Ken Spann made a motion to ratify Bill Trampe's IBCC report. Wendell Koontz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Educational Committee

Michelle Pierce stated that George Sibley could not be at the meeting, but wanted her to pass along that he felt the publishing of the water newspaper insert should be postponed until we see what the water situation is going to be like later on this spring.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McClow circulated his report and said that he had also included the final Flaming Gorge Task Force report. Ken Spann stated that he is hopeful that the substantive recommendations that are contained in that document move forward in some manner.

Tom Alvey asked about the Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase II and stated that he is hopeful that the third task regarding state risk assessment proceeds in a useful way. Tom says that in the discussion there is mention of appropriate stakeholders, and he thinks the Roundtables are appropriate stakeholders and need to be involved in that process.

John McClow said that the Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase II document is still a draft, and it is being circulated to all the Roundtables for input. There is no timetable, but he thinks that there should be a subcommittee to work on recommendations for the report. This is the third draft he has seen and he feels they're making progress. John asked for volunteers to be part of the subcommittee, which he offered to head up. The Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase II subcommittee members are: John McClow, Bill Trampe, Tom Alvey, Jennifer Bock, Frank Kugel, Dave Kanzer, Rufus Wilderson, and Olen Lund. John McClow will coordinate the subcommittee meeting.

Agriculture Water Conservation and Efficiencies Meeting

Michelle Pierce met again before the Roundtable meeting with Roundtable members that have agricultural interests. She thinks the group is prepared to present information on the topic of agricultural water conservation and inefficiencies at the March Roundtable meeting. In the meantime, if there are any specific questions anyone wants addressed at the presentation, please send an email to Michelle.

1. IBCC Process & State Water Plan/SWSI

Todd Doherty of the CWCB presented information on the Gunnison Roundtable Report on the Joint IBCC/CWCB Meeting.

Todd mentioned the slight degree of frustration in the process, and thinks we're finally getting to the point where the big picture is clear. He said the focus is on "no regrets". Todd gave overview of the 5 scenarios. He stated there has been a lot of progress made in the last 8 years. The IBCC has asked the CWCB to identify an action plan. What are the no regrets and how can Roundtables help implement no regrets.

2. **IBCC Process – West Slope Caucus, February 28, 2013**

The date of the West Slope Caucus has been set for February 28, 2013 at 10:00 in Glenwood Springs. It is anticipated that there will be a good showing of the IBCC and CWCB representatives. The meeting is for representatives, but it is a public meeting.

3. **Colorado River Water Supply and Demand Study**

David Kanzer of the Colorado River District gave a presentation called Colorado River Water Supply and Demand Study, and lessons from “the Basin Study” related efforts & next steps. David Kanzer presented information related to this study and its findings, and stated it is a significant document, and significant study.

4. **Project Proposal Modification – Town of Ridgway, Lake Otonowanda Renovation Project**

Tom Alvey stated that the Town of Ridgway’s proposal was originally approved for the rebuilding of a dam. This modification is to remove the dam option, and use the natural basin instead. The screening committee considers this is a better option and recommends support for the change of the grant request.

Joanne Fagan stated that basin and statewide funds are to be used for land acquisition. They are asking for the same funding, but are negotiating a modification to the scope of the project. They are working with the landowners, and the Town owns half the land already. They are looking to acquire 40 additional acres.

Tim Decker made a motion to approve the project proposal modification from the Town of Ridgway for \$540,000 from Statewide Account Funds and \$60,000 from Basin Account Funds, for the Lake Otonowanda Renovation Project. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Joanne Fagan abstained from the vote.

5. **Roundtable Membership**

Two applications have been received to fill two At-Large vacancies, Steve Fletcher and Olen Lund. Both applicants are qualified.

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to appoint Steve Fletcher and Olen Lund to the vacant At-Large seats on the Roundtable. Tim Decker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. **Roundtable Membership & Attendance**

The Roundtable members reviewed and discussed continuing vacancies in membership, and quorum and voting requirements.

Michelle Pierce stated that it was indicated that Mesa County will make an appointment to the Roundtable, but there was no indication that Saguache County will appoint a member. Michelle asked if the Roundtable would consider reducing the membership in order to reduce the quorum.

It was decided that the Bylaws Committee; Hugh Sanburg, John McClow and Olen Lund, would meet to discuss the membership and make a recommendation within the next two meetings.

7. Meeting Schedule

The Roundtable members discussed a proposal to establish a bi-monthly meeting schedule for the Roundtable. Olen Lund stated his concern about the people making as many meetings as we have and is afraid of losing some people who are important to this meeting. Olen suggested a meeting 2 times per quarter, or every other month. John McClow asked if the issue is because of attendance, because the attendance requirements could be changed a little.

Bill Trampe asked if when looking back and looking forward, do we have enough meeting time to do what we need to do? Michelle Pierce suggested that the Bylaws committee also look at relaxing the attendance requirements and come up with a recommendation.

8. Public Interest Doctrine – Bill Nesbitt

Bill Nesbitt circulated a draft document, and stated that he had attended a very disturbing meeting presented by Doug Kemper from the Colorado Congress. The Colorado Water Congress is tasking an effort to address future Public Trust Doctrines Initiatives and anticipates the movement will reunite in coming elections.

John McClow added that if this gets on the ballot it will cost a lot of money to fight. If it passes, it will be the end of the world as we know it.

The Roundtable will talk about this more in the future, and possibly invite someone to the meeting to give more information on the issue.

Next Meeting

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

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

John McClow will coordinate the Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase II subcommittee meeting.

The Bylaws Committee will meet to discuss membership and attendance requirements and make recommendations to the Roundtable.