

**Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 17, 2012  
- American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse –  
(0.9 mile North of Holiday Inn on Right Side)  
6:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Bruce Lindahl	Dan Birch	Kai Turner
Don Jones	Doug Monger	Forrest Luke
Jacob Bornstein	Jon Hill	JoAnn Baxter
Geoff Blakeslee	Sue Morea	Kevin McBride
Kelly Sheridan	Jean Stetson	Ren Martin
Peter Patten	T.Wright Dickinson	Tom Gray
Tom Sharp	Steve Colby	Burt Clements
Scott Grosscup	Erin Light	Jeff Drust
Jay Fetcher		

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Tom Gray called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Introductions of Members and Audience:** Introductions of all in attendance occurred. 18 Voting members attended the meeting this evening.

**Approve/Modify Agenda:** There were some changes and or additions to the agenda. Blakeslee/Gray approved the Agenda for this meeting.

**Review and Approval of July 18, 2012 Minutes:** There was a Motion to change a few things on the minutes. Doug Monger/Burt Clements/unanimous.

**Presentations:**

**Election of Members-Tom Gray**

**Re-Elected to 5 year terms Tom Sharp motioned that all would be re-elected by activation – Geoff Blakeslee second/Unanimous**

Recreation - Kent Vertrees was re-elected

Domestic Water Provider – Steve Colby was re-elected

Industrial Water Interest – Forrest Luke was re-elected

At-Large Representative – Kevin McBride replaces Bruce Lindahl Kevin McBride was nominated by Tom Sharp and seconded by Geoff Blakeslee

Doug Monger made a suggestion to post a notice of nomination open seats in the newspaper the next time seats open up on the Basin Roundtable. Geoff Blakeslee agreed with this thought.

Ren Martin asked if there were any additional open seats available and Tom Gray stated that it was a yes and no answer. Some of the people that are on the Board have not attended and it is unclear how to handle this for future seats.

### **IBCC Update on Scenarios and Summary Portfolios – Jacob Bornstein and Sue Morea**

This discussion lasted for quite a while. There were initially 48 scenarios in the beginning of this task, the IBCC broke the 48 to 10 portfolios. There were 5 draft future scenarios; Business as Usual; Weak Economy; Cooperative Growth; Adaptive Innovation; and Hot Growth introduced to the group. After reviewing the 5 draft future scenarios many members wanted some things outlined better for their understanding. Jacob stated that he believed that there will be continued discussions in the future. There was a question put to Jacob about if there was an additional 25,000 acre feet of water added to the portfolio how would it change? Jacob stated that the additional water acre feet will not change the portfolio much. Tom Gray stated that he thought that we weren't going to try to predict the future with this tool. Jacob stated that this was not predictions this was just a breath of possible futures.

### **Yampa/White Approach to Meeting In-Basin Consumptive and Non-Consumptive Needs and Gap Areas – Jacob Bornstein/Sue Morea**

– This discussion was somewhat about the overview of the October 1, 2012 Projects and Methods special meeting. Sue Morea handed out a document that gave a good overview of the special meeting. Erin Light gave some insight about the upcoming new Peabody Project (consumptive) regarding a new water storage facility. T. Wright-Dickinson stated that the handout should be implemented as an overview of the October 1, 2012 meeting. There was additional discussion about another possible workshop/special meeting about non-consumptive use and additional discussion regarding the handout.

### **AG Fallow Grant – Geoff Blakeslee/Sue Morea**

– This grant was sought outside of the Roundtable. The Roundtable however did approve Geoff Blakeslee to work with this grant process. Geoff Blakeslee stated that this should not be called the Ag Fallow Grant as this has multiple scenario aspects associated with this grant. Waterbanking, Alternative Transfer Methods (ATM), Ag Fallowing, etc. This grant runs through May of 2013 and CSU has committed to coming into this grant regarding plants. Next meeting Dan Birch was asked to talk to the group on Waterbanking.

### **Yellow Jacket Conservancy District Storage Contract – Scott Grosscup of Balcomb & Green**

– Mr. Grosscup came to speak to the group about the Grant and the status of the project. Mr. Grosscup told the group that it took the consultants longer than anticipated to do the study. Tom Sharp stated that approximately 50,000 to 55,000 of the grant had been spent on Phase I of the study of the initial grant for \$225,000. Mr. Sharp stated that Yellow Jacket should be allowed to finish out Phase I and then have the grant closed out or terminated until the group is more prepared for future work. Scott Grosscup stated that Yellow Jacket is not opposed to this decision and asked for the Roundtable to keep the grant open until Phase I is complete. Yellow Jacket was directed from the Roundtable to draft a letter to the CWCB to stop funding and terminate the remainder of funds after Phase I is completed. There was a motion put to the Roundtable by Burt Clements to approve this idea. Clements/Luke/Unanimous.

## **1. Reports**

- a. **Flaming Gorge Task Force Update- Kevin McBride/Kai Turner-** Kevin McBride stated that East Slope believes that the West Slope is holding out our water. It was asked by a member of the Roundtable as to when this task force will conclude their findings. Kevin McBride stated that the last meeting for this task force will be in November with a joint IBCC and CWCB meeting and there will be a presentation.

- b. **IBCC Update – Doug Monger/Jeff Devere/T.Wright Dickinson** – This update was covered in the main meeting.
- c. **Non-Consumptive Committee Update – Geoff Blakeslee** – Geoff stated that this group would like to get engaged with the Projects & Methods and would like a workshop to state where non-consumptive fits.
- d. **Roundtable Education Forum – Public Education Outreach Program- Ren Martyn**  
Ren stated that there were 3 water forums this year. The three forums were not well attended and Ren would like to see more participation from the community for next year. Jacob Bornstein stated that the budget for the CWCB went from 10 million dollars down to 3.8 million for next year and the CWCB will not be able to give the districts money next year for education. Jacob talked about an education workshop for October 29<sup>th</sup> and this workshop was limited to 50 people. There was a question from the group to Jacob Bornstein as to whether the obligation from the Roundtable going down because there is no money available from the CWCB.

## **2. Status Reports SB-179 Grants and Studies:**

- 1. **Stillwater Irrigators Grant – John Redmond**; No report.
- 2. **Yampa River Structures Project** –Kent Vertrees- No report.
- 3. **Walker Ditch River Restoration Project- Doug Monger/Geoff Blakeslee-** Doug Monger stated that there was a meeting on October 16, 2012 and stated that the Walker Ditch River Restoration Project was sending a letter to the CWCB and were turning back the grant money and were going to try to work with the Upper Yampa.
- 4. **Projects & Methods Analysis – Sue Morea** – This was discussed in the main meeting.

## **Other Action Items:**

There were no other action items.

**Announcements:** Grants are considered at every meeting.

**Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** January 16, 2012 Yampa White Roundtable meeting- American Legion Hall Craig

**Adjournment:** No other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Susan R. Bengston, Secretary.