

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

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
John Justman	Mesa County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
George Sibley	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:**

Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Olen Lund	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Vacant	Saguache County

**Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

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

**Public:** Hannah Holm (CMU Water Center), Jason Ullman (Division Engineer's Office DWR), Dan Quigley (Buckhorn Geotech), Jesse Kruthaupt (Trout Unlimited), Richard Vangytenbeer (Trout Unlimited), Jim Briscoe (Lone Cabin Ditch & Reservoir Co.), David Smith (Town of Cedaredge), Jim Cochran (Gunnison County).

**Welcome**

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

Michelle Pierce introduced new member John Justman as the appointed Mesa County Representative.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

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

**Approve Agenda**

Ron Shaver made a motion to accept the Agenda as circulated. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approve February 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Frank Kugel requested a change for a misspelling of Hugh "Sanburg's" last name.

Stan Whinnery made a motion to accept the February 4, 2013 amended minutes. Tim Decker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Report from the IBCC Representatives**

Bill Trampe reported that last Thursday a meeting with the four west slope Roundtables and the CWCB took place in Glenwood Springs, and all groups were well represented. It was a good discussion focused primarily on the risk management issues that we've continued to raise.

As a result of the meeting, a letter from John Stulp and Jennifer Gimbel was sent to everyone about the roadmap to the future. Pages 2 and 3 list 7 bullets that they think we should focus on in the future. Bullet #3, regarding reuse/supply development, was where our issues might come to bear. A water supply development statement has been drafted as a result. It is a starting point to try to focus on what the west slope would like to accomplish as we move forward with the IBCC process.

The IBCC meeting tomorrow will be structured a little bit different than in the past. There will be more one-on-one discussions, with more people participating more freely. The types of things that will be discussed will be risk management, agricultural shortages on the west slope in the late season, new supply development, and sign posts to alert us as of dangerous points and what to do about them.

The question was raised as to what the purpose is for a Phase II Colorado River Water Supply Availability Study when the numbers were so far off in the Phase I report. John McCloy stated that right now the scope for that Phase II is underway, and that our Roundtable has set up a committee to offer our input, as hopefully all Roundtables will do. The Roundtable and some others on the western slope are working hard to assure that risk management is a significant part of that analysis.

Wendell Koontz made a motion to ratify the IBCC report. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ken Spann stated that it is his hope that in the process of moving forward, the Roundtables do not get left behind, the roundtables in their entirety be engaged in the conversation, and that “grass root” concept is preserved. Ken encouraged Bill Trampe to communicate this to the IBCC. John McCloy responded that one of the things the caucus reached consensus on was that the process described in the Flaming Gorge report was a worthwhile place to start the conversation. Also agreed on was that the representatives of each Roundtable on that task force present the report to their own Roundtable. Assuming that all of the members of the Roundtable agree, we will begin the “adult” conversation at that level.

#### **Report from the Educational Committee**

George Sibley reported that the Public Education and Participation Outreach working group met two weeks ago. The emphasis of that meeting was how to get informed interaction with decision-makers around the state. The desired outcome is that decision-makers will understand the Roundtable and IBCC processes, history, purpose, representation, and next steps including the need for valid solutions to fulfill the gap. There has been a lot of work done around the basin in that regard with local presentations using the PowerPoint presentation that Hannah Holm put together. Michelle Pierce, Austin Keiser, Frank Kugel and George Sibley have all given the presentation to various groups, and everyone has stated the presentation has been well received.

#### **Report from the CWCB Representative**

John McCloy stated that there hasn't been a meeting since the last roundtable meeting. The next meeting is in two weeks.

### **1. Agriculture Water Conservation and Efficiencies**

Michelle Pierce stated that for two months prior to this meeting she has been meeting with the members of the Roundtable that have agricultural interests. Their goal has been to create a basic outline for a conversation among the entire Roundtable on the topic of agriculture water conservation and efficiencies. Hannah Holmes presented a short slideshow and the Roundtable discussed the topic.

Roundtable members agreed that agriculture is already operating short of water. It needs to be distinguished what conservation is and what is efficiency is, and what the effects are to things such as riparian areas. Further, there is a great deal of difference in each area as to what the problems are. There will be more discussion on this topic in the future.

2. **Gunnison Sage Grouse** – Proposed Listing and Responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act

Jim Cochran gave a presentation on the proposed listing of the Gunnison Sage Grouse as an endangered species. Ken Spann stated that for over 60 years the bird population has increased, and if the Gunnison Sage Grouse is now listed as endangered, it will cause a major issue for private landowners and become detrimental for the species.

Ken Spann made a motion that the Roundtable continues this discussion on the next agenda. Wendell Koontz seconded, and the motion carried.

3. **IBCC Process** – February 28, 2013 West Slope Caucus - results and recommendations resulting from the caucus

Michelle Pierce stated that as a result of the caucus a draft of a statement is being worked on, but is not in final form. When it is ready for the Roundtable's consideration Michelle will circulate it to the Roundtable members. There was no other discussion on this Agenda item, since it has been thoroughly discussed during the IBCC report.

4. **Project Proposal** – Lone Cabin Ditch & Reservoir Company, Lone Cabin Dam Repair & Rehabilitation Project \$239,187.65 from Statewide Account Funds and \$79,939.22 from Basin Funds

Tom Alvey described the proposal request. There was a slump on the face of the dam and the State Engineer put a restriction on the use of the dam. They are proposing to repair that slump, and return the dam to full use and capacity. The Screening Committee recommends approval of the grant request. They think it fits exactly with the needs assessments.

The Screening Committee recommends some amendments to the requested funding amounts due to some non-refundable expenses that have already been spent as well as some duplication errors that were included.

Tim Decker made a motion to approve the project proposal from Lone Cabin Ditch and Reservoir Company for the Lone Cabin Ditch repair and rehabilitation project, for \$38,000 from Basin Funds and \$232,687 from the Statewide Funds, with the stipulation that the requester modify their official proposal to reflect these amended funding amounts. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried.

5. **Roundtable Membership & Attendance** – Review and discussion of continuing vacancies in membership and quorum and voting requirements

No action was taken on this item due to any changes to the bylaws requires a two week notice. Any comments should be forwarded to Michelle. The topic was tabled for discussion at the next roundtable meeting in April.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

Michelle Pierce will circulate the draft statement that resulted from the west slope caucus, once in final form.

Roundtable members should review the changes to the bylaws and forward any comments to Michelle Pierce.