

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Holiday Inn Express  
Montrose, Colorado  
April 1, 2013**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
John Justman	Mesa County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Rachel Kullman	Montrose Municipalities
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Olen Lund	At-Large Member
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
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

**Voting Members Absent:**

Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale 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:** Jason Ullman (CDWR), Ken Nelson and Vernon Nutter (North Delta Ditch), Steve Snyder (Saguache County), Richard Vangytenbeek (Trout Unlimited), Dave Miller (NERC).

### **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 a quorum was present.

### **Approve Agenda**

Michelle Pierce announced that Agenda item #2 was cancelled.

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

### **Approve March 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Frank Kugel requested the following spelling corrections to the Minutes:

1. Page 2, Public: Riuthaupt should be Kruthaupt
2. Page 2, IBCC Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Gimble should be Gimbel
3. Page 3: Kaiser should be Keiser

Tom Alvey made a motion to accept the March 4, 2013 amended minutes. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Report from the IBCC Representatives**

Bill Trampe reported that he and John McClow attended the IBCC meeting on March 5, 2013 in Golden. The next meeting will be on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bill stated that it was a fairly good grassroots style meeting. It was structured with the IBCC on panels leading discussions. They discussed the findings of the Flaming Gorge Task Force, and how to go about managing water projects. They also spoke about risk management agreements, and how to protect ourselves as we move forward. Later there were break-out groups that discussed agricultural water and new supply. Nothing earth-shattering came out of it, but it was a positive meeting.

John McClow added that each group leader had a staff member who recorded the discussions, and those recordings would be put into a public report that should come out sometime in May.

Frank Kugel made a motion to ratify the IBCC Representatives report. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bill Trampe gave kudos to Rick Brinkman and Ken Spann for their part on the Flaming Gorge Task Force. The Roundtable will have the opportunity to hear and discuss the present findings, which Michelle Pierce said was tentatively scheduled for May.

**Report from the Educational Committee**

George Sibley stated the publication is scheduled for mid to late May. All the historical information has been assembled and they are waiting for current year information.

**Report from the CWCB Representative**

John McCloy circulated his report to the Roundtable members and said he had nothing to add to his report.

Ken Spann asked a question about the last item regarding Jennifer Gimbel resigning. John stated that the Governor would be choosing a new CWCB Director, and that Jennifer Gimbel had decided to resign now.

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

The Roundtable members continued the discussion on this topic from the previous meeting in February. Ken Spann stated that there would be a meeting in Montrose on Wednesday to coordinate a proactive strategy. There is a great deal of controversy. The ramifications of the Gunnison Sage-Grouse being listed as endangered would be that water development within critical habitat would be practically impossible. There has been a viability study that shows there is a 0% probability that the species will go extinct, but some secluded populations will disappear. Most of Gunnison County is within critical habitat. There will be at least 2 public hearings after the comment period.

2. **Instream Flow Water Rights**

This item was cancelled.

3. **American Whitewater Organization** – Chris Menges, Gunnison River Stewardship Fellow

Chris Menges' presentation began with a background and purpose of the American Whitewater Organization. The organization's purpose is to conserve and restore whitewater resources.

4. **Central Colorado Project** – David Miller, Natural Environmental Resources Company

David Miller gave a presentation to the Roundtable members regarding a proposed high altitude reservoir near Taylor Park Reservoir. Mr. Miller discussed the benefits of high altitude water storage, as well as the possibilities for using the water for hydroelectric power.

5. **New Water Supply Development** – Draft West Slope Position Statement

A draft copy of the West Slope Position Statement was handed out to Roundtable members and Bill Trampe asked for any comments or suggestions. The ultimate goal is that this statement will be adopted by all the West Slope Roundtables and the purpose is to give a meaningful statement to the state.

Michelle Pierce stated that once the notes are available from the Caucus meeting, the Roundtable will review those notes and revisit the Position Statement document.

**6. Roundtable Membership & Attendance – Proposed Amendments to Bylaws.**

The Bylaws Committee discussed proposed amendments to the Membership and Attendance areas of the bylaws. Tim Decker brought up his concern with Article 7, Section 10, attendance of meetings, specifically who gets notified and who has the opportunity to explain their absence to the Roundtable. Tim asked for an amendment to that language. George Sibley also suggested the possibility of excused absences. John McClow stated there was a procedural problem in that the bylaws require that any proposed changes be submitted at least 2 weeks before they're considered at the meeting. Any new changes to the bylaws will have to go to another round of amendments.

Ken Spann made a motion to approve the bylaws that were offered at the last meeting as suggested by the bylaws committee, and that the additions added by Tim Decker and George Sibley be considered as proposed at this meeting for consideration at the next meeting. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



---

Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

Bylaws Committee will make another amendment to the bylaws to be discussed and approved at the next Roundtable meeting in May.