

**Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 9, 2013  
- American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse –  
(0.9 mile North of Holiday Inn on Right Side)  
6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Charles G. Grobe	Dan Birch	Don Jones
Erin Light	Geoff Blakeslee	Jacob Bornstein
Jeffrey Devere	Kent Vertrees	Kevin McBride
Marsha Dughenbaugh	Mary Brown	Ren Martyn
T.Wright Dickinson	Tom Gray	Tom Sharp
Jeff Drust	Jay Fetcher	Jean Stetson
Mark McCluskey	Ray Alvarado	Sue Morea
Alden Vanden Brink	David Brown	Jennifer Ashworth
Jackie Brown	Todd Hagenbuch	

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Tom Gray called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Introductions of Members and Audience:** Introductions of all in attendance occurred. 12 Voting members attended the meeting this evening.

**Approve/Modify Agenda:** There was one change to the Agenda and that was when Jackie Brown took her Agenda item off. Sharp/Blakeslee approved the Agenda for this meeting.

**Review and Approval of April 20, 2011 Minutes:** There was a Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 16, 2013 meeting; Ren Martyn/Mary Brown/unanimous.

**Presentations:**

**Budget Update – Jacob Bornstein**– Jacob informed the group that Yellow Jacket gave back \$163,000 from the remainder of their grant. All total the Basin Roundtable's budget is now at \$845,000. Jacob also announced that Grants that want funding by September need to be heard by the Roundtable no later than August 1, 2013.

**Scope of Work for the Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase 2 – Ray Alvarado** – Ray presented a power point to the group and spoke to for approximately 1:15 regarding this topic. Many questions arose from the Roundtable about this study referring to whether the Paleo will be incorporated into this study, (yes); in this Phase 2 what are the risk factors for a compact call; what and how much water do we have to play with here in the basin; and do we need to relook at the drilling that is going on

in the basin? Prior assessments said that approximately 2 Acre Feet would be used to drill when in reality it is approximately 40 Acre Feet that is being used. There was a volunteer subcommittee that was formed to send comments and questions to Ray Alvarado by no later than May 30<sup>th</sup> regarding this issue. The Volunteer Subcommittee consists of: Geoff Blakeslee, Kevin McBride, Dan Birch, T.Wright Dickinson and Jeffrey Devere. There is also a website that Ray gave the Roundtable and encouraged them to review the information:

<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/programs/crbstudy.html>

**SWSI 2016 – Other Basin Planning Effects: a) West Slope Caucus b) Blue Mesa Project c)**

**Flaming Gorge – Jacob Bornstein** - The group talked about Statute 1177 and how to obtain and keep the water on the Western Slope. Jacob talked about the SWSI 2016 and stated that there may be an Executive Order signed by the Governor next week regarding non-consumptive use. T.Wright read a statement off of Jacob's computer that was presented at the IBCC meeting about how to obtain the water. T.Wright also created a graph for the Roundtable to view and discuss about how much potential water is in this Western Slope area. He suggested that the Roundtable open a dialogue with other Western Slope Roundtables regarding sharing of the water in the Western Slope. Geoff Blakeslee stated that the conversation should state and talk about several IP&P's on the Western Slope and how they will be impacted. Tom Sharp asked why the Yampa basin has to be the initiator of this conversation. "We are an abundant basin; we are going to be the giving basin. What are we going to say?" Mary Brown stated that we should have a conversation to refute the amount of water that other areas think we have. She believed that having this discussion can be nothing but beneficial to the basin. Kent Vertrees believes that the basin should start the talks with the non-consumptive side as he believes that this topic trumps everything else.

**Overview of Projects & Methods: 1) Yampa River Operations; 2) "What If" scenarios; 3) Where are we headed? – Sue Morea and Mark McCluskey**

– Due to the lengthy discussion from the other two topics Sue and Mark did not get through their entire topic and will be presenting again at the July meeting. They did report to the Roundtable some of the possible future IP&P's (gave a handout for the Yampa and White possible projects). There were discussions on these projects and the group gave more input about them to Sue and Mark. Sue and Mark have asked for another meeting with the subcommittee to add more information to this list of potential IP&P list and processes. Sue will get in touch with the group to arrange another meeting with the subcommittee by the end of June. Al Vanden Brink from Rangeley stated that Phase I of the Yellow Jacket is finished and that Phase II may be coming to fruition soon. He believes that the White will be coming up with more reservoir sites in the next 8-12 months. There was talk in the group about a Non-Consumptive Tool Box. This topic will be discussed more at the next meeting. The IBCC did send out an e-mail with a link that will help all to understand the Non-Consumptive Tool Box.

**1. Reports:**

1. **Flaming Gorge Task Force update – Kevin McBride** – This project is finished
2. **IBCC Update** – Jeff Devere/T.Wright Dickinson – Jeff Devere stated to the Roundtable that he is giving up his seat on the IBCC. Jeff would like to stay as an active member with the Roundtable but would now become a non-voting member. Jeff will attend the

June IBCC meeting and report back to the Roundtable about said meeting. Tom Gray stated that he will make sure that there is an e-mail sent out about a possible opening on the IBCC Board and that he will ask for members to volunteer for this seat and the Roundtable will vote in July. Kent Vertrees asked Jacob if other Roundtables fund their Representatives to attend these meetings. Jacob stated that some of the Roundtables do pay mileage, food and lodging for members to attend.

3. **Non-Consumptive Committee Update – Kent Vertrees/Geoff Blakeslee** - Kent and Geoff have been contacted by a David Martin, who is a PhD. Student at CSU to inquire as to whether the Non-Consumptive committee can assist him with his thesis paper. Kent stated that the discussion should only be about ½ hour and that all the information given will be kept in confidence and used as a number and not with the name of the basin. The group agreed that Kent and Geoff can assist Mr. Martin with this thesis.
4. **Roundtable Education Forum-Public Education Outreach Program – Ren Martyn/Marsha Dughenbaugh** – This was actually a second reading of funding for education regarding Ren asking the Roundtable for \$30,000 to fund the education process. T.Wright Dickinson questioned if there will be any education projects done in the White River District and Ren stated that he would love to expand into the White. T.Wright said he would give Ren a contact name to get that started. Tom Sharp made a Motion to the Roundtable to give Ren the requested money for education. Sharp/Devere/Unanimous

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

- a. **Yampa River Structures – Kent Vertrees** - Kent reported to the group that this project has reached many obstacles. The permitting of this project has become very difficult and at this time they have put their permit with the Army Core of Engineers on hold. The CWP has become adamant that they do not allow grout in the river to secure things. Kent asked Jacob for assistance with the CPW and Jacob stated that he could assist Kent. Kent said that the Friends of the Yampa have designs finished and that they would not require much maintenance.
- b. **Projects and Methods Analysis- Sue Morea/Mark McCluskey** – This was discussed in the main meeting.

## **Other Action Items:**

**Announcements:** None presented

**Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** July 17, 2013 Yampa White Roundtable meeting- American Legion Hall Craig

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

Respectfully, Susan R. Bengston, Secretary.