

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
August 5, 2013**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Cary Denison	Ouray County
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
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
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Steve Snyder	Saguache County
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:

Jennifer Bock	Environmental
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Tim Decker	Montrose County
John Justman	Mesa County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Kanzer (Non-Voting Liaison), Gary Shellhorn (USFS Liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM Liaison).

Public: Doug Kemper (Colorado Water Congress), Barbara Peterson (Town of Paonia), Richard Vangytenbeek (Trout Unlimited), Michael Dale (NPS), Torie Jarvis (NWCCOG Water Qual/Quantity Comm.), Chris Menges (American Whitewater), Marti Whitmore (Ouray County Attorney).

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

Bill Nesbitt made a motion to accept the Agenda. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve July 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel made a motion to accept the July 1, 2013 minutes as presented. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representative

There has not been an IBCC meeting since the last Roundtable meeting in July. Bill Trampe stated that the next IBCC meeting will be tomorrow in Colorado Springs. The main point of discussion will be the no/low risk action plan. The CWCB will then consider the plan at their September meeting after which the public will be asked to comment. Please make any comments as soon as possible.

The West Slope Caucus took place about 3 weeks ago in Glenwood Springs. They had a good turnout with additional folks on the phone. It was decided that the River District would try and act as a facilitator in bringing ideas to the table from the Roundtables, where it is hoped that together there will be a united west slope concept of principles to provide to the state water plan. The River District board has not taken any position on the matter yet.

There will be another caucus meeting on October 5th with representatives from the west slope Roundtables with the objective that they will bring their principles or priorities and see if there is any consensus among all four west slope Roundtables.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley stated that he was finished with the handout booklet and it will be going out in numerous newspapers the week of August 15. George brought stacks of them for everyone to take and distribute.

Michelle Pierce thanked George for all his work, and George thanked everyone who sent suggestions.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McCloy sent his CWCB report to everyone by email. John stated he had nothing to add to his report, and there were no questions for him.

1. **River Bank/Colorado Water Trust** – Staff Attorney for the Colorado Water Trust will present information regarding the Colorado Water Trust

Unfortunately, Zach Smith did not attend the meeting.

2. **Public Trust Initiatives** – Douglas Kemper, Colorado Water Congress

Mr. Kemper is the Executive Director of the Colorado Water Congress (CWC). The CWC was created about 55 years ago to be the leading voice of Colorado's water community. It has about 350 organizational members. They have a State Affairs Committee which gets very involved in legislation. The CWC also does a variety of special projects. His presentation is about one of those special projects, which is the Public Trust Initiative. The CWC is taking donations to fund this special project and is in need of additional donor. Mr. Kemper discussed Colorado water rights and the issues regarding the public trust doctrine and passed out some information on the special project.

3. **Project Proposal** – Town of Paonia, \$35,000 in Basin Account Funds and \$350,000 in Statewide Account funds for Lamborn Water Treatment Plant Upgrade

Tom Alvey stated that this request was for only a portion of the plan, where the applicant is required to upgrade their water treatment plant. The total budget for the Project is \$500K. The Project Screening Committee is recommending approval of the project.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to approve the project proposal from the Town of Paonia for \$35,000 in Basin Account Funds and \$350,000 in Statewide Account funds for the Lamborn Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan** – Review of the Draft Request for Proposal with Scope of Work

The Basin Implementation Planning (BIP) Subcommittee met on July 24, 2013 to discuss the planning effort. Each Roundtable is charged with developing a BIP to identify projects, methods and processes to solve their problems with water shortages in their basin. The requirements for this BIP document are clearly outlined in a Draft Guidance Plan.

Based on the subcommittee's discussion Frank Kugel created a draft report, which has been distributed to the Roundtable members. Michelle Pierce stated that since there is such a short timeline, the subcommittee felt it was important to start the process to select a consultant and get our grant application in the pipeline as soon as possible. We can use the time in the interim to work on our vision and goals.

To meet the timeline there needs to be responses from consultants by Friday, with interviews by Monday and the final award by the following Monday. The subcommittee suggested that the Roundtable be requested to authorize the subcommittee to make the selection of the consultant to expedite the process. The committee discussed a number of engineering firms that could help with the BIP. The criteria for the consultant are that they have both statewide knowledge and familiarity with the Gunnison Basin. Our Roundtable will develop the plan, and if we need assistance with parts of it then we can use the consultant to primarily do the modeling and whatever else the Roundtable doesn't have the time or expertise to deal with.

Hugh Sanburg made a motion to approve the Basin Implementation Planning Subcommittee's recommendation that they be allowed to select the consultant to work on our basin implementation plan. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Gunnison basin Implementation Plan – Review of the Draft WSRA Application for Funding to Hire a Consultant

Michelle Pierce and Frank Kugel discussed how much money should actually be requested from the basin account in order to get the consultant hired. Frank came up with some figures that other Roundtables have requested, and stressed that we should not limit ourselves on the quality of consultant. Tom Alvey gave an approximate amount of funds that are currently available in the basin account. There was discussion about whether the Roundtable could request statewide funds for this effort, and it was decided that they should, however, it is too late for the statewide application in September. Consequently it was suggested that the Roundtable approve an amount of \$150,000 from the basin funds.

Rachel Kullman pointed out that on the application form it states that applications that seek more than 33% from the statewide account must provide a separate sheet, so there is a possibility that 33% can be applied to the statewide account on the short form. John McClow stated that he would find out if the statewide funds can be streamlined. It was also discussed whether \$150,000 would even cover the cost of a consultant.

Rufus Wilderson made a motion to authorize the Basin Implementation Planning Subcommittee to submit a grant application for up to \$200,000 for water supply reserve account funds with the possibility of 33% of that coming from statewide funds. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan – Review of Initial Draft of Principles, Policies, and Priorities for the Basin Implementation Plan

The Roundtable members reviewed and discussed an initial draft of principles, policies and priorities (PPP's) that lists items discussed by the BIP subcommittee during its July 24, 2013 meeting. There is no consensus on this document and is presented for discussion only.

These PPP's are based upon the draft guidance document. It is only a list of ideas and is a work in progress. We should continue to work on this document and members should submit their input for discussion at the next meeting.

7. BIP Subcommittee Meeting

The next meeting of the Basin Implementation Planning subcommittee will be Monday at 2:00 p.m. at the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association.

Next Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Roundtable on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 4:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose. The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, same place, same time.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

BIP subcommittee will meet on Monday, August 12, 2:00 pm to decide on contractor and submit grant application for basin funds.