

Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 2014
- American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse –
(0.9 mile North of Holiday Inn on Right Side)
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Ben Beall	Jeff Comstock	Dan Craig
Mike Sorenson	Jon Hill	Bill Badaracca
Sandra Gardner	Burt Clements	Jeff Devere
Steve Colby	Charles Grobe	Don Jones
Kevin McBride	Jay Gallagher	Doug Monger
Tom Gray	Kelly Beal	Marsha Daughenbaugh
Mary Brown	Jackie Brown	Ren Martyn
Brent Newman	Hanna Sloan	Jim Pearce
Chris McCort	Kelly Heney	Steve Jamison
Jon Snyder	Liz Schnackenberg	

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Jon Hill 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.

PRESENTATIONS:

Budget Update: Brent Newman – As of April 1, 2014 the WSRA Fund 898,045.00.

Election of 4 open At-Large Seats for the Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable:

Alden Vanden Brink sent an email earlier in the week asking for the Basin to post the open At-Large seats in the Rio Blanco district. There has been emails sent out by Geoff Blakeslee and agreed by Kent Vertrees and Dan Craig to postpone the vote on the seats until the July meeting and after there has been a publication or posting of the open seats in Rio Blanco. Ren Martyn gave an overview of his volunteering as the information gatherer. He was turned down to the May agenda and was told that the May agenda was for the BIP. Ren is happy to continue and gather more information but asks for how long this will take and who will be reviewing the applications. Jon Hill said he asked the Rangely paper to publish the seat but was not sure if it was actually in the Rangely paper. Tom Gray believes that this voting should be postponed also. Mary Brown gave a scenario of another basin that added members and how they did that. Motion by Doug Monger to table this process. Dan Craig second/added to the Motion was that the basin will vote on this at the July meeting. Deadline for receiving the applications for the at-large seats is July 23, 2014 at the meeting. Tom Gray would like to see these seats advertised on the radio and on the local newspapers. There are approximately 7 applications at this time for the 4 open At-Large seats. It is determined that there is only one seat that is needed that has water rights out of the 4 open seats. Marsha Daughenbaugh asked if the funding should come out of the education fund. Jon Hill stated that he agreed that the costs for the advertising should come out of the education fund.

Tom Gray brought up the discussion of the At-Large seats and the representation process. He stated that it could be a problem with two representatives from the same district, i.e. Upper Yampa, Moffat County, etc. Jackie Brown asked if the Roundtable wanted to add a statement that if you do not come to a certain amount of meetings that you could lose your seat. Tom Gray Motions that the At-Large members to have one representative from each entity that owns water rights and one that would represent the entity that they work for. Jeff Devere seconds. The majority members voted in opposition, motion failed. Dan Sorenson asked for the Basin to take a step back and take a look at this process and what is necessary. Jackie Brown asked if all of the current At-Large members need to fill out the application so that there is no question of who has what and from where. Mary Brown stated that the original 17 members are the only members that can vote for the upcoming the At-Large members.

Second Reading for BIP additional funding – Jackie Brown: Dan Birch ?sent an email to the group in June to outline the money that had been spent. They are asking for an additional \$40,000 to give to AMEC for more work on the BIP. Jackie also outlined all of the money and how it was spent. Doug Monger moves that the additional funds be approved/Dan Craig seconds/Unanimous. Dan Craig would like more information about where funds have gone on some of these projects.

Basin Implementation Plan Discussion (Group Discussion) Hanna Sloan: Hanna Sloan stated that there is about 6 more weeks left before the BIP needs to be sent and be presented to CWCB. Chapter 3 and 4 were sent out via email earlier and Chapter 5 was handed out tonight. They expect for the final Chapter 6 to be given out by June 30. There should be a final reading at the July 23rd meeting and we should be able to move forward and then the BIP will be submitted to CWCB by July 31. Jackie outlined the Chapters and their headings to the group. Hanna talked about the executive summary and making sure that it outlines what the Basin Roundtable wanted to say. Brent Newman stated that it is up to the Basin as to when they feel that they have a final product. Doug Monger stated his concern about the broad spectrum of the Projects and Methods. His main concern is about the implementation. Hanna stated that it was left broad on purpose. Doug thinks that they should take out the implementations. The Energy Study will be included in the BIP.

Update on Energy Study – Jim Pierce: Canyon Water Resources – Jim gave a power point presentation to the group for Phase III of the Energy Study. He did a brief overview of what Phase I and Phase II entailed. Phase III updated the water usage and it may come down to less usage of water as opposed as to what they first thought. The numbers of acre feet (af) of water used went from 120,000 af/y to approximately 30,000 af/y. The draft report is due to the subcommittee by 6/19 and the final report due 6/30. Kevin asked if these numbers are being put into SWSIBrent stated yes it was. All of these numbers are for 2015.

First reading on grant request for \$25,000 from the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District for modeling to support the District's Master Planning efforts – Kevin McBride: Kevin passed out a document to the group about their request. This document outlined the reasons for this request. His request is to support the master planning and is very close to the BIP and Projects and Methods models. Tom Gray asked if this is anticipated as a Phase I or may we expect more requests. Kevin said that this could be the first request and possibly be more in the 2016 future. Tom Gray approved the request and stated for a second reading/Dan Craig seconded/Unanimous

Other Action Items: Doug Monger/Mary Brown approval of past minutes for April and May . Jackie Brown asks for changes to same. Doug Monger withdraws motion stating that changes need to be made. Susan Bengston will send Minutes to Jackie for her changes requested in the meeting.

Announcements:

Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: July 23, 2014 and October 15, 2014 (Regular Meetings).

Adjournment: No other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, submitted by Susan Bengston.