

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Holiday Inn Express  
Montrose, Colorado  
January 5, 2015**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
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
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Michelle Pierce	Hinsdale Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

**Voting Members Absent:**

David Harold	Montrose Municipalities
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Steve Snyder	Saguache County
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County
VACANT	Montrose County

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

Perry Cabot (CSU Extension Liaison), Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (DWR Liaison), David Kanzer (Non-Voting Liaison), Jedd Sondergard (BLM Liaison), Tim Stroope (USFS Liaison).

**Public:** Bill Kolb (North Fork Lateral Ditch), Brent Newman (CWCB), Brent Gardner-Smith (Aspen Journalism), Hannah Holm (Water Center at CMU), Ken Stahlnecker (NPS), Richard VanGytenbeek and Jesse Kruthaupt (Trout Unlimited), Steve Schrock (No Chico Brush), Briant Wiles (WSCU – MEM), Eric Kuhn (IBCC/CRWCD), Ken Nelson and Vernon Nutter (North Delta Irrigation), Jim Pokrandt (Colorado Basin RT/CRWCD).

### **Welcome**

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

### **Roll Call/Introductions**

Following roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

### **Approve Agenda**

Michelle Pierce said John McClow requested to postpone item #1 until he arrives.

Frank Kugel moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Approve December 1, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Neal Schwieterman moved to accept the December 1, 2014 minutes as presented. Cary Denison seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Bill Trampe stated there has been no meeting since the last Roundtable meeting and he has no report. The next IBCC meeting is scheduled for January 28 in Denver.

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

George Sibley spoke briefly about the meeting they had on December 1 before the roundtable meeting. There was a fair representation from around the basin. The group discussed what they've been working on and what needs done in the immediate future as well as input on the Colorado Water Plan. We will be able to use their mailing lists for surveys which should give good feedback. We will also have their help with setting up meetings with the general public. Longer range benefits will be more coordinated water education programs.

George said that he had received a request from the school district foundation in Delta County, who are starting a water education program with their 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There is a book that they would like to use and they were looking for funding help to buy the books. Can we set up a WSRA account that would enable us to purchase books that we would like people to be using in the basin? Brent Newman said that educational purposes qualify for WSRA funds.

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

Michelle Pierce said John McClow had no CWCB report.

### **Report from the BIP Committee**

Frank Kugel said that there was considerable discussion at the west slope roundtable meeting regarding differences between the four roundtable BIPs, especially in the area of conservation. Frank was asked why the Gunnison Basin listed conservation as medium and not high priority. Frank said he agreed to bring the question back to the Gunnison Basin Roundtable.

The roundtable members discussed the topic and they generally felt that the change from medium to high conservation efforts would not be a significant change. This is because only a fraction of the water used in the Gunnison Basin is for M&I so not much water would be gained in exchange for the high cost of implementation. It was suggested to take the position that we are supportive of conservation and we've done well so far. There are other places to conserve, and maybe we should focus on education with regard to the differences in how water is used on the east slope vs the west slope and what efforts can make a difference

Ultimately the members agreed that the Gunnison basin could state it is a basin-wide goal to raise conservation from medium to high, but it should not be mandatory. It was also suggested it should be worded that it is for future development and not retroactive. Frank Kugel said he will put something together and take it to the BIP committee. It will then be reviewed by the Roundtable at the next meeting.

Frank briefly discussed the projects spreadsheet. If anyone has any suggestions as far as changes in the scope or priorities of the different projects listed, or projects to add or remove from the list, please let Frank know by the end of January.

Frank encouraged members to look over the BIP document at their earliest convenience. If anyone has changes they want made to the BIP, those changes must be submitted in time for the committee to consider them and incorporate them into the BIP before the April 17<sup>th</sup> final submittal date.

#### **1. WSRA Project Proposal – North Fork Farmers Ditch Extension**

Tom Alvey presented this grant application. The North Fork Farmers Ditch is seeking \$35,000 in Basin funds for ditch slope repair and stabilization for the North Fork Farmers Ditch Extension. The Project Screening Committee recommends approval of this grant application.

Bill Nesbitt moved to approve the North Fork Farmers Ditch Extension for \$35,000 in Basin Account Funds for Ditch Slope Repair and Stabilization. Ron Shaver seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **West Slope Roundtable Agreement/IBCC Conceptual Agreement**

Michelle Pierce said in addition to reviewing the results of the west slope roundtable meeting, the group should discuss Bill Trampe's memo and the Colorado Basin Roundtable's response to the IBCC Conceptual Agreement.

Bill Trampe said he developed his memo to state his perception of where we were at, as well as other ideas and comments he has heard. The purpose of the memo is to stimulate discussion on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable's position so that we can move forward with an effort to build consensus on the west slope.

Michelle Pierce said there was nearly a quorum of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable members present at the west slope Roundtable meeting. At the end of the day it was suggested that the chairs and the IBCC representatives of the four west slope roundtables meet and work over a "straw man". She has not yet heard from anyone, and no one has stepped out to take the lead, so perhaps the Gunnison Basin Roundtable can take the lead using Bill Trampe's work as a possible starting place for those discussions.

After a lengthy discussion Rick Brinkman said he was a little more comfortable with knowing the Roundtables position and definitions of terms. Bill Trampe encouraged everyone to go back over the BIP and bring forward any further suggested changes.

Eric Kuhn said he would write up a summary of what he heard at the meeting and will email that to Michelle. Jim Pokrandt will be sending an email to Michelle about the next meeting of the west slope roundtables.

3. **WSRA Project Update** – Trout Unlimited, Relief Ditch Diversion Modification Project Update, Cary Denison

This item was postponed to the next Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting scheduled for February 2, 2015, due to the meeting running later than expected.

4. **Gunnison Basin Roundtable** – Resignation of Tim Decker, Montrose County Representative

Tim Decker, Montrose County Representative on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable, has resigned. Montrose County is working to find someone to appoint as his replacement.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

Frank Kugel will put together language on the Gunnison Basin's position regarding conservation goals.