

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
October 6, 2014**

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
David Harold	Montrose Municipalities
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
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
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Ken Spann	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Decker	Montrose County
John Justman	Mesa County
Wendell Koontz	Delta Municipalities
Olen Lund	At-Large Member
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial
Steve Shea	Agricultural
George Sibley	At-Large Member
Steve Snyder	Saguache County
Stan Whinnery	Hinsdale County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

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

Public: Brent Newman (CWCB), Julie Nania (HCCA), Michael Dale (NPS), Kathryn Sellars (Attorney, Ouray/Olathe/Lake City), Hannah Holm (CMU Water Center).

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 not present. Three additional members arrived and a quorum was declared present.

Michelle Pierce announced Olen Lund has resigned from his seat on the Gunnison Basin Roundtable and as the IBCC representative. Michelle will advertise the At-Large seat in local newspapers.

Approve Agenda

Michelle Pierce proposed to modify the agenda so that item #4 becomes item #1.

Bill Nesbitt moved to approve the agenda as modified. Neal Schwieterman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve August 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel said Aaron Derwingson's name was spelled wrong. Dave Kanzer wanted to clarify that in item #4, RCPP Proposal, they are not currently asking for \$400,000, but they may in the future. He requested the sentence be deleted.

Neal Schwieterman moved to accept the August 4, 2014 minutes as amended. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe stated he does not know when the next IBCC meeting will be, but there will not be another meeting in 2014.

Bill said he has only received comments from two individuals regarding the IBCC conceptual agreement document and felt those comments were more grammar than of concept. He requested the Roundtable members provide some more input this afternoon for the IBCC and CWCB staff.

Tom Alvey asked if there was any reason the IBCC is taking the extended hiatus. Bill thinks the staff is really busy with the water plan right now. He thinks the upcoming election has some bearing on what as to the future of the IBCC.

Report from the Educational Committee

George Sibley was not in attendance and there was no report. Hannah Holm mentioned the 4th Annual Upper Colorado River Basin Water Forum in November.

Report from the CWCB Representative

John McCLOW said that the CWCB met in September in Glenwood Springs. The majority of the meeting was spent working on chapters of the water plan. John felt the session went well, and that there some very good suggestions on how to improve the drafts. The board will have one final direct edit input on October 24. They will conduct one-on-one interviews, and members have been asked to suggest the chapters that they are most concerned about. At the November meeting in Berthoud they will adopt the draft which will then be submitted to the Governor on December 10. The final plan is scheduled to be completed in December 2015.

Prior to the CWCB meeting there was a joint meeting with the Wildlife Commission to discuss issues with common interest, including predation of endangered fish by a non-native species. They also received a number of presentations from members of the recreation community from around the state urging the board to give greater consideration to keeping the water in the river.

There was some concern about the integrated conceptual agreement being included in the draft water plan. The document was adopted by the IBCC but not ratified by the Roundtables.

Marti Whitmore wants to go on record as having a huge concern regarding the timing of all of this. She feels there has been insufficient input and vetting which suggests a lack of sincerity in the interest of including all concerns.

Report from the BIP Committee

Frank Kugel said the committee has not met since the last Roundtable meeting and has no report.

1. **WSRA Project Proposal** – Town of Olathe, \$15,000 in Basin Account Funds for Town of Olathe Water Rights Assessment.

Tom Alvey explained this proposal is to study some of the Town of Olathe's water rights that are not being fully utilized at the present time. The Town of Olathe needs to evaluate their water rights, as well as the infrastructure to make use of those water rights, and then determine their options. They are requesting \$15,000 in basin funds. The committee is recommending funding.

Kathryn Sellars, Town Attorney, was present to answer questions. The study will be done by an engineering firm that will prepare a report at the end of the study period. One of the options they are looking at is the water bank pilot program with the intention of keeping the water in the basin. Also discussed was if the study will look at how the water relates to their allocation out of Ridgway and if there is any enhanced value to their situation in Ridgway, and Ms. Sellars said she will ask to have that addressed in the study.

Asked if they have any thoughts about funding in the future, Ms. Sellars said they have discussed it, but it is too early in the process. Right now they are concerned they will lose these water rights, and feel that they have to do something. Allen Distel stated that per Bob Hurford the water rights that Olathe has are under a different classification and can never be put on an abandoned list.

Tom Alvey moved to approve the proposal from the Town of Olathe for \$15,000 in Basin Account Funds for the Town of Olathe Water Rights Assessment. Ron Shaver seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **IBCC Integrated Conceptual Agreement** – Continued Review and Discussion.

Bill Trampe stated that at the last meeting the Roundtable members discussed problems they had with this document regarding risk management, triggers, and insurance policy and he had agreed to compile the comments to go over again at this meeting, but that no comments have been received. Bill said he would like some input on these topics. The Roundtable members continued their discussion and there are still many concerns.

It was decided that since the West Slope Caucus is next Wednesday, October 15, the Roundtable will wait for the results from the caucus before discussing this topic further. John McClow stated he will be participating in the caucus and Michelle said she will circulate the call-in information for anyone else who would like to attend by phone. Michelle will put this topic on the next agenda and Bill Trampe and John McClow will put something together to discuss at the next meeting.

Dave Kanzer added that at the caucus next week they will be scheduling a meeting of all west slope Roundtables for some time in November. Contact John McClow or Dave Kanzer with any input for the date in November.

3. **BIP Incorporation into the Colorado Water Plan** – Input on the Incorporation of the Gunnison Basin Implementation Plan into the Colorado Water Plan.

Michelle Pierce said she circulated an email asking for individual comments to be sent to Jacob Bornstein, Brent Newman, and the Colorado Water Plan email address by October 10. John McClow asked everyone to send comments to him as well.

4. **CWCB Update** – Brent Newman, CWCB Program Manager

Brent Newman, CWCB Program Manager, gave an update on the elements of the Basin Implementation Plans that other Roundtables have developed.

Frank Kugel verified with Brent that that most other Roundtables have asked for additional funding to further refine their Basin Implementation Plans. Frank suggested to the Roundtable that there is an opportunity for a Phase II effort to do some further refinements and improvements to the Gunnison Basin's BIP. It was agreed that Wilson Water Group will be asked to submit a proposal to the BIP Committee.

5. **Gunnison Basin Roundtable** – Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

Bill Nesbitt moved to reelect the current slate of officers. Frank Kugel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

John McCLOW announced that the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science has retired and Jennifer Gimbel has been appointed the position.

Mike Berry moved to increase the pay for the Assistant Recorder from \$250 to \$275 per meeting. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

John McCLOW moved to appoint Rick Brinkman as the permanent IBCC Representative as a result of the resignation of Olen Lund. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mike Berry asked if we need to appoint an alternate. The members felt there should be an alternate, and the topic will be on the next agenda.

Dave Kanzer updated the Roundtable that the RCPP application was filed last week.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Michelle Pierce will place advertisements in local newspapers for the At-Large seat left vacant by the resignation of Olen Lund.

Bill Trampe and John McClow will put something together regarding the IBCC Integrated Conceptual Agreement to discuss at the next meeting.