

**Minutes of NPBRT Meeting: 8-26-14**  
**USFS Conf. Room (7-9 PM) 100 Main Street, Walden, CO**

**Members/Liaisons Present**

\*Mike Allnutt  
Mike Alpe  
\*Jimmer Baller  
Pete Conovitz  
\*Kent Crowder  
\*Blaine Evans  
\*Randy Miller  
\*John Rich  
\*Carl Trick II  
\*Doug Waldron  
\*Ty Wattenberg  
\*Rick Wyatt  
\*Barbara Vasquez

**Members/Liaisons Absent**

Deb Alpe  
Paula Belcher  
Jason Brey  
Michael Dixon  
\*Tom Hackleman  
Debbi Heeney  
\*Mike Honholz  
Ann Timberman  
Hunter Townsend

**Others Present**

Caid Waldron  
Pepper Canterbury (CPW)  
David Graf (CPW)  
Tract Kittel (CPW)

**I. Agenda Review**

The agenda was accepted as published.

**II. Approval of Roundtable Minutes:** The minutes from 7/22/14 NPBRT meeting were approved unanimously with one modification: removal of last sentence of first paragraph of section III of the draft minutes. Final minutes will be distributed with the draft minutes of this meeting.

**III. Updates to the NPBRT WSRA Grant Application procedures** –Kent Crowder  
Kent passed out hard copies of proposed changes to existing WSRA grant application submittal guidelines, updated to reflect changes in CWCB procedures. In addition to changes in deadlines and leadtime requirements by the CWCB, the changes to the procedures for submittal to NPBR include reduction in the number of copies required (20→15 for hardcopy only, 20→6 for hardcopy in conjunction with electronic submission) and a reduction in the number of days in advance of the NPBRT meeting at which the application would be considered for decision (30d→20d). During discussion, there were suggestions from RT members to add language to strongly recommend applicants attend earlier meeting(s) to explain their project and take advantage of the opportunity for dialogue with the RT members, to attend the NPBRT meeting at which the funding recommendation would be voted on and to attend the CWCB meeting at which the final funding decision would be made. These suggestions have been integrated into the original document Kent passed out at the meeting and is attached with these minutes for your consideration. The changes will be voted on at the September NPBRT meeting.

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**IV. CWCB/IBCC Update** - Ty Wattenberg, John Rich and Mike Allnutt

**CWCB:** Ty reported that the CWCB considered 'final' draft BIPs from all basins except S Platte and Colorado River. These two basins requested and were granted an additional \$100k each to complete their BIPs..

**IBCC:** No update.

**Vi. Old Business/New Business**

**Old: Unallocated Lands / the Enabling Act** – Rick Wyatt

Rick Wyatt distributed sections of the 'Enabling Act' associated with the formation of the State of Colorado (see attached 4 page pdf). He highlighted sections that alluded to 'unallocated lands'. His interpretation has been that the State of Colorado could appropriate federal lands for the benefit of the people, including for the placement of dams to create reservoirs. Others commented that they read the passages as the requirement that the State of Colorado relinquish all claims to 'unallocated lands'. Rick requested further discussion at the next meeting. Kent also commented that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners had published a resolution in 2002 declaring their objection to the agencies of the federal government acquiring any additional lands in Jackson County.

**New: Wolfer Ditch Project**

Representatives of CPW (Pete Conovitz with support by David Graf, Pepper Canterbury & Tracy Kittel) gave a preliminary presentation on plans to bring a WSRA grant application to the NPBRT this fall for the construction of a permanent diversion structure to help ensure the simplest and most reliable diversion of water around lands Bob Swift irrigates when he wishes to dry up the meadows before haying. This diversion is an accommodation by CPW, not a requirement, but in the interest of all involved, they are willing to continue to help with this diversion as long as the operation is simplified. See powerpoint presentation attached with these minutes. They anticipate it will be October before they're ready to bring a completed application. The diversion structure they propose would benefit some of the other water users in the subbasin. Carl Trick and Kent Crowder led some discussion about what water right owners on the ditches involved in the project might need to be at least contacted.

**VI. Date for the next meeting**

The next two meetings were set for Tue, September 23 and Tue, Oct. 28, both to be held from 7-9p.m. in the FS Conference Room at 100 Main Street, Walden.

**VII. Meeting Adjourned**