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Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
- American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse –
(0.9 mile North of Clarion Inn on Right Side)
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Introductions of Members and Audience: Introductions of all in attendance occurred. 19 Voting members attended the meeting this evening.

Doug Monger moved to approve the agenda and Dan Birch seconded. Unanimous.

Alden moved to approve the minutes. Chuck seconded. Unanimous.

Basin Account: Brent Newman reported that the account currently has \$888,352.00 having expended the \$25K granted to UYWCD. Within the next few weeks, our account will rise to a little over \$1 million. The State-wide account has approximately \$2,300,000.00.

BIP Final Approval: Dan Birch provided a power point discussion of the elements and major changes from the first July 2014 draft (available upon request). The addition of the Green River will be added to section 1.2.3. T. Wright would ask that the record reflect his opposition to the quantification of non-consumptive flows. Jeff Devere suggested the “quantify” was not the correct word and was possibly too hard. Jackie Brown commented that quantification was needed to provide equal representation to the constituents of the Basin and that without doing so, there was a possibility that another group would, our efforts would allow for the conversation to be transparent at the BRT level.

Doug Monger moved to approve BIP, Chuck Grobe seconded. Unanimous.

Colorado Water Plan: Brent Newman with CWCB presented on IBCC updates as well as the executive summary of the BRT Summit in March. Dan Birch went on the record stating that the polling activity done by Jacob Bornstein did not reflect consensus, and was an incorrect forum for citing opposition as those that did were verbally chastised. Laura Chartrand and many others were in agreement.

T. Wright moved that Kevin McBride be our designated representative to the IBCC Conceptual Agreement sub-committee. Doug Monger seconded. Unanimous. Jon Hill will contact Becky Mitchell to inform her of this.

M&I Conservation: Kevin Reidy with CWCB discussed the different conservation levels proposed within the 2010 SWSI. Passive 154K, low 324K, medium 485K, and high at 615K. Jay Gallegher mentioned the value in conservation as an education/lifestyle change, Jackie Brown echoed that comment and added the intrinsic value of natural resources being an outcome to water use awareness. Jeff Devere commented on the supply and demand aspect of conserving and how it pushes a TMD solution earlier without conservation. Kelly Heaney echoed this statement. Laura Chartrand is concerned that West Slope entities who push the Front Range toward conservation as a mandate will be met with

pushback when it WS does not follow suite. The concept that high conservation implementation is a ticket to a TMD project is of concern as well.

Ag Study First Reading: Discussion of the stated \$18-23K cost of a 2-3 month assessment occurred. Direction to the sub-committee that indirect CSU costs be whittled down to a 5-10% figure was given. The assessment, once completed by CSU, would be the property of the BRT and could be used to produce an RFP for open bid. The Ag sub-committee will ask other members, like T.Wright and Doug Monger, for further direction on refining the assessment. Todd Hagenbuch commented that CSU Extension from Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt would like to assist CSU on this project. This should help drop indirect costs as well. Doug Monger moved to approve that the sub-committee move forward with an assessment budget for the second reading, with the caveat that indirect costs will not exceed 10%. Jeff Devere seconded. Unanimous.

Bylaws: Jackie and Jeff Devere will review the bylaws and bring revisions back to the BRT.

Future Steps: Non consumptive needs will be included in the general next steps for the BIP to be brought forth at the May 2015 BRT meeting by the BIP sub-committee.

PEPO: Kelly asked on Ren Martyn's behalf if there was any direction for education moving forward. Doug suggested an outline of BIP talking points, Kevin suggested a SOW for a PR consultant moving forward.

Structures Project: Kent Vertrees cited that the Friends of the Yampa have completed a new hydrologic model for the project due to FEMA floodplain issues at their own cost.

Adjournment: No other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Brown
Secretary