

**Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable
Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 13, 2015
-American Legion's Shadow Mt. Clubhouse–
1055 CR7, Craig, CO 81625
(0.9mile North of Clarion Inn on Right Side)**

Attendees: See attached sign in sheet

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Chair, Mary Brown called meeting to order at 6:10 PM
- 2. Introductions of Members and Audience:** Introduction of all in attendance occurred
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Mary led a discussion and inquiry about the need and issues with 1st and 2nd readings of grants applications.
- 4. Review and Approval of November 12, 2015 Minutes:** **MOTION** by Gallagher **SECOND** by Martyn to approve the minutes for November 12, 2015. **Vote Unanimous**
- 5. Budget Report (CWCB):** Jackie provided and update to the members about the new budget page which was distributed to the membership.
- 6. Appointments:**
 - a.** PEPO: Ren Martyn outlined and summarized his term as the PEPO BRT Representative and expressed gratitude to Community Ag Alliance for all their assistance. **MOTION** by Devere **SECOND** by Hill appointing Kelley Romero Heaney as the BRT PEPO Representative. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**
- 7. Public hearings/public input and comment:** NONE
- 8. Reports of each standing or special committee (10 min. each)**
 - a.** BIP Sub-committee –Dan Birch: Dan discussed with the group about modeling and projects and how the projects meet future needs. Dan mentioned McBride RFQ for the modeling. Consultants are on board and submitting statement of qualifications. Funds have been approved. T. Wright brought up concerns about modeling of the Little Snake River. Devere feels the need for the White River stakeholders to get together for modeling purposes. **MOTION** by T. Wright **SECOND** by Devere to request the BIP committee to review the engineering firms. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**.
 - b.** IBCC update - Jeff Devere/ Kevin McBride: McBride and Devere discussed about a Joint Round Table Framework Study and Modeling of the Colorado River Tributaries.
 - c.** West Slope Caucus –Jeff Devere/ Kevin McBride. Update included with item “A” and “B” of Special Committee reports
 - d.** Non-Consumptive Needs update – Geoff Blakeslee: Geoff reported the 404 Permit has been obtained for the Steamboat Yampa River Structure Improvement.
 - e.** PEPO/ Education Committee update – Kelly Romero Heaney: Marsha Daughenbaugh provided and update to the group for the PEPO. There was an article on the Great Divide; McBride provided 2

articles; Marsha also asked the group about items of interest for the PEPO and also a fund update with money left over yet.

9. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects: (15 minutes each)

- a. Western Slope Technical Committee – Dan Birch: Dan discussed with the group an \$8,000 grant request for a Joint Round Table Framework Study which will look into “What it is going to take to keep Powell above minimum power pool and how can we reduce consumptive use to keep Powell above 3525ft preventing a call up.” Colorado River District’s perspective is do whatever we can to avoid a compact shortage. T. Wright asked, what is the money to be used for? Tom Gray asked, what is next from the Meeker meeting and expressed appreciation for bringing this together. McBride expressed favor for the proposal. Monger inquired, who is going to be representing this for the BRT? **MOTION** by T. Wright **SECOND** by Vanden Brink requesting approval of the \$8,000 grant request and waive the need for 2nd grant reading. Vote **UNANIMOUS**
- b. BRT Recorder – Executive Committee; Discussion was held about the hiring of a BRT Recorder Consensus from the membership was for the Executive Committee to engage the process. **MOTION** by Birch **SECOND** by Hinkemeyer Vote **UNANIMOUS**
- c. Lysimeter 2nd reading grant application – Erin Light: Erin spoke with the group outlining the project, method, and deliverables. Erin recommended the smaller route with the minimal lysimeter of \$11,304. **MOTION** by Jackie Brown **SECOND** by Blakeslee, Vote **UNANIMOUS**
- d. Colorado Storm Water Council (“Live Like You Love It”) 2nd grant reading grant presentation - Kelly Romero Heaney: Kelly briefed the group about the project and request \$10,000 as part of a statewide water education campaign. T. Wright asked if this was a 1 time request and Kelly acknowledged this would be a 1 time request. **MOTION** by Jackie Brown **SECOND** by Monger. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**.

10. New business (15 min. each)

- a. YWG BRT Educational Outreach Grant Application/Presentation 1st reading – Marsha Daughenbaugh/Community Ag Alliance: Marsha grant request as a first reading with additional information to follow at the 2nd reading. **MOTION** by Jackie Brown **SECOND** by McBride. Vote **Unanimous**.
- b. Crosho Lake Corporation Grant application 1st reading – Nicole V. Langley: Mark Rossi and Nicole V. Langley gave a presentation to the membership about the project and needs. They are asking for \$30,000 from the Basin Account and \$108,380 from the Statewide Fund. Jackie voiced the executive committee questions and outlined the funding process. Membership was asked about waiving the need for a 2nd reading due to special circumstances as outlined to the group. **MOTION** by T. Wright **SECOND** by Blakeslee on waiving the requirement for a second reading. Vote **UNANIMOUS**. Birch asked, what happens if funding doesn’t fully develop? **MOTION** by T. Wright **SECOND** by Birch on approving \$30,000 request and recommend to the CWCB. Group discussion followed; consensus was to amend approval upon full funding from other agencies; Mary Brown is supportive; Gallagher brought up this as being one of our identified goals. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**
- c. Joint Round Table Framework Study 1st reading – Jim Pohrandt
- d. Steamboat Springs Yampa River Stream Management Plan 1st reading - Kelly Romero Heaney; Kelly outlined the project and application to the BRT. Brief group discussion. **MOTION BY** Jackie Brown **SECOND** by T. Wright approving the 1st reading of the grant application request. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**.

11. Old Business

- a. Request For Qualifications – BIP Modeling for the Yampa & White Basins: See under Item 8a.
- b. Discussion items;
 - 1. What do we want to do as a Basin Round Table?
 - 2. What are our Goals and Measures with a completed B.I.P.?
 - 3. What is the end game of our Modeling exercise?
- Birch feels we should review the 7 or 8 goals identified within the BIP.
- Jackie Brown would like to see recommendations on the WSRA funds and include goals of the BIP within the grant process.
- Mary Brown likes the grant criteria and review committee.
- Kelly Romero Heaney agrees with Mary and Jackie about the grant process and believes there should be a Grant Guidance Document for applicants to follow.
- Gallagher expressed the need for Basin Funds to be in line with the CWCB.
- c. Mary Brown asked, how we are to function as an executive committee.
- d. .

12. Executive Committee Update: None

13. Announcements:

- a. Jackie distributed the executive summary of the BIP and Jay enlightened the group about the BIP and summary.
- b. T. Wright mentioned he was here and we still got out before 9:00 PM. ☺

14. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

- a. Next meeting date is March 9, 2016 at 6PM

15. Adjournment at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Alden Vanden Brink (Acting Recorder)