

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
April 3, 2017**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Steve Anderson	Industrial
Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Kathleen Curry	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Ray Hanson	Delta Municipalities
John Harris	Montrose Municipalities
Jay Jutten	Montrose County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Henry LeValley	Crawford WCD
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees, CWCB Liaison
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Dan Murphy	Hinsdale Municipalities
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Greg Peterson	Saguache County
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Rufus Wilderson	Gunnison County

Voting Members Absent:

Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Rick Brinkman	Mesa Municipalities
Cindy Dozier	Hinsdale County
John Justman	Mesa County
Hugh Sanburg	Industrial

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Bob Hurford (DWR Liaison), David Graf (CPW Liaison), David Kanzer (CRD Liaison).

Public: Tanya Ishikawa (UWP), Craig Godbout (CWCB), Jesse Kruthaupt, Richard VanGytenbeek, Kevin Terry (Trout Unlimited), Ken Leib, Steve Anders (USGS), Michael Dale (NPS), Ken Nelson, Judy Axtman (NDIC), Jenn Moore (Math and Science Center), Beth Karberg (CDAG), Diego Plata (Stantec), Matt Currey (Mays Construction), Ryan Unterreiner (CPW), Nathan Coombs (Conejos WCD).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Kathleen Curry.

Roll Call/Introductions

After roll call it was declared a quorum was present.

Approve Agenda

Kathleen Curry announced the Rio Grande group would like to leave early, so they are giving their presentation after the BIP Committee's report.

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

Approve February 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Tom Alvey, Greg Peterson, and Dave Kanzer all requested minor changes to the minutes.

Bruce Bair moved to approve the February 6, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Frank Kugel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Hugh Sanburg Resignation and Appointment of At-Large Industrial Member

Kathleen Curry announced Chairperson Hugh Sanburg has resigned. Steve Anderson has applied for the At-Large Industrial seat being vacated by Hugh. John McClow stated the nomination for the At-Large Industrial seat must be made by a member of the Roundtable. John said he was happy to nominate Steve. There were no other nominations.

John McClow moved to appoint Steve Anderson by acclamation to the At-Large Industrial seat. Tom Alvey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Kathleen Curry asked for nominees for the position of Chairperson. Bill Nesbitt nominated Kathleen Curry, and then moved to appoint her as Chairperson by acclamation. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Kathleen Curry asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairperson. Tom Alvey nominated Rick Brinkman as Vice-Chairperson. Rick Brinkman was absent but Tom stated Rick was fine with being nominated. However, Rick asked to be relieved of his position as Representative of the IBCC if he were appointed as Vice Chairperson.

Tom Alvey moved to appoint Rick Brinkman as Vice Chairperson. John McClow seconded, and the motion carried.

The Roundtable discussed the IBCC Representative position vacated by Rick Brinkman. Tom Alvey stated Joanne Fagan was the alternate IBCC Representative, so there was nothing that needed to be done at this meeting. The Roundtable will address this issue at its next meeting.

Report from the IBCC Representatives

Bill Trampe said he had no report. The IBCC is scheduled to meet next on April 20 in Summit County. Bill said he has not yet seen an agenda, but will probably hear something within the next week. John McClow suggested to Bill to let Viola know he would like to be on the email list to receive notice of the IBCC meetings. Joanne Fagan said she was planning to attend the IBCC meeting.

Report from the Educational Committee

Marti Whitmore said she had no report. The committee did look at one application, which Tom Alvey will discuss in his report. Marti stated they are looking for content for the website, and any member of the Roundtable who would like to contribute something for the website would be greatly appreciated.

Report from the Basin Implementation Plan Committee

Frank Kugel reported there had been a teleconference on March 1. The main topic of discussion was updates to be made to the project list. Frank said he has received some updates, and encouraged anyone who is involved in any of the projects on the project list to contact him and he will update the project list with the status. These updates need to be to him within the next couple of weeks.

Report from the CWCB Representative - SWSI Update

John McClow reported the CWCB met on March 22 and 23 in Greeley. The meeting was largely uneventful.

The Board approved 12 water supply reserve fund grant applications, including the risk study. Of note was the applications for state funds exceeded the funds available so each application was reduced pro-rata.

There was an update on the status of the projects bill and the weather modification funding was reduced from \$500,000 to \$175,000.

There are still three board seats which expired in February and the Governor has made no appointments. The existing Directors will continue until their successors are appointed, qualified and confirmed.

The projects bill passed out of the House Ag Committee and is now in appropriations.

James Eklund has resigned as the Director of the CWCB. The job notice was posted on the website and is open until April 17. Finalists will be interviewed by the Board, hopefully at the next meeting, and a replacement in place by June. Lauren Ris will be the Interim Director.

SWSI Update - Craig Godbout, CWCB staff, said the new SWSI will be heavily based on the BIPs. They will also be gathering more information, looking at the methodologies and the data that was previously collected, and build upon the past efforts. Additionally it will cover some areas that were not covered in the last SWSI.

They will be forming technical advisory groups (TAGs), which will be small groups of appropriate experts to look at past methodologies. These groups will be asked to review, evaluate and provide recommendations on those methodologies. Frank Kugel and Cary Denison have received emails to serve on these TAGs.

Three prime consultants have been hired, each with different tasks. Brown and Caldwell will be the integration lead consultant that will pull the whole thing together. There will be limited public input.

December 17 is the deadline to have the methodology established, data collected, and the evaluations and the analysis completed. The final report will be out sometime in 2018. There is concern by Roundtable members about the short time frame to collect data. Tom Alvey said the Roundtable never felt the agricultural gap was addressed the first time, and 8 months will not be enough time to get accurate data to answer what the agricultural gap is. Craig stated it will be part of process to check with entities to assure the data is accurate.

1. Colorado River Risk Assessment, Phase II Update – John McClow

John McClow reported the risk assessment scope of work all the west slope roundtables agreed to at their last meeting was approved by the board unanimously at the March meeting with one additional sentence added. This addition states the work product is solely that of the applicants and not the State of Colorado.

The study is proceeding, there was a conference call, and the consultants are starting. There will be progress reports prepared on a schedule. This phase of the study is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Kathleen Curry thanked John McClow for his efforts.

2. **Rio Grande System Modification and Collaboration Presentation** – Nathan Coombs and Kevin Terry

Cary Denison introduced this discussion as a follow-up to the discussion in February about production of state and basin funds and our need to address the issues we have identified in the BIP, and for an educational component about cross-basin sharing. Cary said he asked Nathan and Kevin to give a presentation about what has been done to work with landowners, water users and water managers, and what has been done at the Conejos to modernize infrastructure and using technology to help in water management.

Nathan Coombs, Chairperson for the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable and Manager of the Conejos Water Conservation District; and Kevin Terry, Rio Grande Basin Project Manager, Western Water and Habitat Program, of Trout Unlimited gave their presentation titled “Trout Unlimited – Technology and Cooperation in the Conejos and Rio Grande”.

3. **WSRA Grant Request(s)** – Tom Alvey

The John McConnell Math & Science Center at CMU is asking for \$25,000 from basin funds for a water exhibit that describes the watershed process. They are also requesting funds from the Colorado and Yampa basins, as well as \$100,000 from state. Tom Alvey said it matches pretty well to Tier 1 as education and outreach. The Project Screening Committee is recommending funding of \$10,000.

Jenny Moore gave presentation on the exhibit. It will be housed in new space at CMU. It is a hands-on learning experience that sees up to 6,000 kids, with a total of 963 kids from the Gunnison Basin last year. They also run summer camp. Ms. Moore stated the kids receive more science education visiting the center than in an entire year at school. The Center employs 17 interns.

They are requesting funds for a water exhibit that demonstrates the watershed process. The total project cost will be \$233,000. There will be plaques for donors of \$25,000 or more on the gear wall.

Marti Whitmore stated the Educational Committee is concerned the exhibit and Center is Grand Junction centric, and not as much for our area.

Neal Schwieterman moved to fund the request from the John McConnell Math & Science Center at CMU for \$25,000 from basin funds. Rufus Wilderson seconded. There were three votes against the motion from Marti Whitmore, Frank Kugel and Joanne Fagan. The motion carried.

Alan Distel asked what the cost was to send a busload of kids to the CMU center and suggested the Roundtable send a busload once in a while.

Other Business

Tom Alvey reminded members about deadlines for grant applications.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Gunnison Basin Roundtable will be at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose.

State of the River - Dave Kanzer was asked if the State of the River meeting is scheduled to follow the June 5, 2015 Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting. Dave stated because of the scheduled Upper Colorado River Commission meeting, he and several others would not be available on June 5th. They are looking at alternative dates either 1-2 weeks before or 1-2 weeks after the Roundtable meeting. Dave said he is also looking for other partners and topics.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

None.