

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable Meeting
Draft Agenda
Wednesday November 9, 2016
Clarion Inn
300 South CO Highway 13,
Craig, CO 81625
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Chair Mary Brown.
- 2. Introductions of Members and Audience:** All members and guests took turns introducing themselves. See attached sign in sheet.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Mary Brown asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the agenda. There were not.
- 4. Review and Approval of September 14, 2016 Minutes:** Chuck Grobe made a motion to approve the September draft minutes. Doug Monger seconded. Motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report (CWCB):** Craig Godbout reported that the Basin balance is \$834,624. There is currently a \$46,000 request, if approved by the CWCB board the Basin balance will be \$788,624. Jackie Brown asked if that balance included phase 3 of the BIP. Craig said everything that is approved by the board is subtracted from the balance upon approval. The Statewide account balance is \$533,000. Craig announced that the earliest possible date for future funding would be July 2017. This is dependent on the alternative funding measure, which must be approved by both the board and the legislature.
- 6. Public hearings/public input and comment:** Public comment was asked for. There was no public comment.
- 7. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects: (15 minutes each)**
 - a. West Slope Study combined 1st & 2nd Reading: Jim Pokrandt informed the Roundtable that phase one is wrapping up, phase 2 is ready to start. They would like to go in front of the CWCB board in January for approval. Jackie Brown stated that the Risk Study is great and made a motion that the 1st and 2nd reading for phase 2 be approved, up to \$10,000. Alden Vanden Brink seconded, the motion passed. The Roundtable will get Jim a letter of approval.

8. Elections: With the Bylaw changes, At-large seats are limited to 6 seats per County. There are a total of 16 at-large seats 7 of which are up for election. Nine seats are not up for election until 2017, 4 of which are representing Moffat County and 5 representing Routt County. Interested parties took turns going around the room telling the board about themselves. Election results were as follows: Bill Badaracca was re-elected for Routt County, Chuck Grobe and T. Wright Dickinson were re-elected for Moffat County, Jeff Devere and Vince Wilczek re-elected and Travis Day newly appointed for Rio Blanco County. Leaving one Unaffiliated seat open, which must be filled by a Rio Blanco County resident, as both Routt and Moffat Counties have reached their 6 seat limit. Also up for election was 3 out-of Basin seats. Amy Willhite was re-elected to fill one seat. An application was reviewed from an out of Basin non water right owner. The Out of Basin seats were intended for water right holders who do not live in the Basin, filling these seats with an out of Basin non water right owner is allowable under an exception. The board however, chose not to fill a seat with the exception, as the applicant lives in New Mexico and participation would be difficult. Two out of Basin seats remain open.

9. Reports of each standing or special committee (10 min. each)

- a. BIP Sub-committee - Jeff Devere a General workshop is needed to possibly reprioritize items in the BIP, in reference to Steve Hinkemeyer's question on the progress of current projects. Can the Roundtable help them move forward?
- b. IBCC update - Jeff Devere/ Kevin McBride: Jeff Devere reported that there is nothing new as they have not had a meeting. Craig Godbout announced that there will be a IBCC combined Ag summit on November 29th.
- c. West Slope Technical Committee –Jeff Devere/ Kevin McBride: Jeff Devere reported that they read the results of the first study, which explains the dire circumstance we may be looking at in 2018. The study will be re-distributed to the Roundtable via email.
- d. PEPO/ Education Committee update – Kelly Romero Heaney reported on the PEPO summit that she and Jeff Devere attended. It was great to see what other Basins are doing. PEPO is currently meeting before the Roundtable meetings. There was a newspaper article on Use it or Lose it. They are currently coordinating events for next year similar to the summit that will be held on November 29th. Developing a website is what they will be working on coming up. Interested parties please come to the next PEPO meeting.

- e. Grant Committee update - Steve Hinkemeyer reported that the Committee did not convene in the past two months. There have not been any new applications.
- f. Bylaws Committee update – Jackie Brown updated that the Bylaws Committee needs to be removed from the agenda, the Bylaws are updated and there is no longer a need for a committee. Craig Godbout asked about the conflict clause in the Roundtables Bylaws. He will send appropriate wording to Jackie in case a change needs to be made. Roundtable members will be provided with the final Bylaws.
- g. DWR update - Erin Light the station was placed in 2011. They had struggles getting plots going. Brian Romig visited the plots once a week to water, measure and collect data. This information is being compiled into a report. There has been some discouragement on the low number of measuring devices. Erin is planning on changing that in the northern part of the Basin, and hoping that it will be successful with little push back.

10. New business (15 minutes each)

- a. Anne Castle presentation (45 mins): Anne Castle from the University of Colorado Recommendations for Implementation presentation to the Roundtable on Colorado's Water Plan. The presentation went over integrated land and water planning, and encouraging municipal entities to conserve and be efficient. She also went over the current law both state and local, and their discrepancies, land use conservation, changes that could be made, and goals. See attached.

11. Old Business

- a. Meeting location: Mary Brown gave the Roundtable information on three different options for meeting locations. The American Legion proposed the same set up and meal with a new location at the VFW hall, at a total of \$870. The Clarion Inn cost roughly \$750, the set up and acoustics however proved less than desirable. The College offers rooms for free, however their rooms are small and there is a long walk from the parking lot. The College would also require a caterer. One possible caterer (Brothers) would cost between \$550 and \$700 per meeting. Chuck Grobe made a motion to hold the meetings at the VFW by the American Legion, to continue on with the desire to support Veterans. Burt Clements seconded, motion passed.

12. Announcements: Craig Godbout announced that they are looking for articles to publish in their newsletter. Mary Brown announced that they would accept agenda items at anytime. Geoff Blakeslee motioned to adjourn the meeting, half the room seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

13. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Next meeting date is January 11, 2017 at 6PM

14. Adjournment: 8:25 p.m.