

**Minutes of NPBRT Meeting: 7-11-17**  
**USFS Conf. Room (7-9 PM) 100 Main Street, Walden, CO**

**Members/Liaisons Present**

\*Mike Allnutt  
Deb Alpe  
\*Jim Baller  
Pepper Canterbury/Louis Moeller  
\*Kent Crowder  
\*Blaine Evans  
\*Scott Fischer  
\*Randy Miller  
\*John Rich  
\*Carl Trick II  
\*Barbara Vasquez  
\*Ty Wattenberg  
Jeremiah Zamora

**Members/Liaisons Absent**

Paula Belcher  
Pete Conovitz  
Debbi Heeney  
\*Mike Honholz  
\*Douglas Waldron  
\*Rick Wyatt

**Others Present**

Matt Blecha  
Craig Godbout  
David Graf  
John & Sharon Harvat  
Dale Leach  
Erin Light  
Joe Mahoney  
Matt Sinclair  
Caid Waldron

**I. Introductions/Agenda Review**

Agenda was accepted as proposed except for addition of the Education & Outreach Report. Pepper Canterbury announced she was moving. CPW is looking for her replacement. She also introduced Louis Moeller, who has recently joined CPW in Jackson County as Technician.

**II. Approval of Roundtable Minutes: 11-15-16**

The minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

**III. Discussion and Vote on WSRF Grant Application for \$75,000 in Basin Account Funds for Aqua Fria Reservoir Rehab Project Submitted by Lucky Penny Ranches, LLC - Voting members of Roundtable will vote on Roundtable approval of this WSRF Grant Application - Dale Leach, Telesto Solutions, Inc. and Sharon Harvath**

Kent handed out an evaluation sheet for voting members to use during the consideration and vote on this WSRA grant application. Dale Leach, Telesto Solutions, presented the proposal for the Aqua Fria Reservoir rehabilitation project. The requested funding was increased in the final application to cover costs not considered in the initial submission. The water stored is used to irrigate approximately 400 acres hay meadow. Proposed work includes resolution of leakage problems in this rock and gravel dam, solution for the corrosion of the corrugated metal pipe (to be lined). IN order to anchor the debris curtain, a special use permit will be required from the FS. There is a fee for the permit and required NEPA, which would be paid for by the project. Kent commented on schedule. The CWCB meets in Sept. Craig Godbout remarked on the PO process; if all documents are in, the PO could be let in mid Oct or early Nov. In response to a question about timing, Jeremiah explained that an application for the special use permit to the USFS was required before they could issue a letter of concurrence. Dale commented that they can't apply for the USFS permit until they had funding. Kent led the discussion, using the checklist handed out to voting members. It was unanimously approved to recommend the project to CWCB.

**IV. Final Report on Mallon Extension Ditch Bypass Structure – Pepper Canterbury, CPW**

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Pepper presented a powerpoint to summarize the completed project, which is included with these minutes. The project experienced a serious surprise when the first bid came in at approximately twice the budget. Pepper was able to succeed within the budget by implementing engineering modifications and by CPW doing more of the work than planned originally. The Bypass Structure will dramatically reduce the labor required by CPW to manage the diversion each fall. She thanked all who supported the project.

**V. Education and Outreach report - Debbie Alpe**

Debbie handed out and reported briefly on NPBRT Education Action Plan

NPB 2017-2018 EAP Budget-approved

NPB-2017 EAP Expenditures-2018 proposed budget

which are included with these minutes. The EAP is due by Sept.1.

Debbie reviewed spending and asked for approval of the 2017-2018 agenda. The RT members present voted unanimously for approval.

In addition, she passed out thumb drives of the NPBRT video finalized by Christie Bode's Moxiecran Media last December plus bookmarks which Debbie had printed to help promote the video.

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

**IBCC:** The NPBRT representatives (J Rich, M Allnutt) did not attend and Craig Godbout was not there either, so no report.

**CWCB:** Ty reported that CWCB has three new members: Heather Dutton (Rio Grande), Celene Hawkins (San Miguel, Dolores, Animas & San Juan) and Jack Goble (Arkansas). He explained that these new members represent a new generation of Board members, with a median age of 35yrs. And Ty is now Chair of CWCB. The New Director of CWCB is Rebecca Mitchell. Next meeting is July19/20.

Craig Godbout provided an update on specific funding opportunities. There is a new category of grants: Colorado Water Plan Grants. These are in addition to the WSRA Grants. The high level allocation is \$10M CWP Grants, \$10M WSRA Grants (\$400k per basin and \$6.4M in the statewide funds) and \$5M for Stream Management & Watershed grants. The CWP Grant application doesn't have to come through the Roundtables, but Ty commented that it would be seen as positive if it had written local support. These grants are expected to be highly competitive and must be tied to the State Water Plan. If it ties into the basins BIPs, that's even better.

There are 6 categories of potential funding:

\$2M: Supply & Demand Gap

\$3M: Water Storage

\$1M: Conservation & Land Use Planning

\$1M: Engagement & Innovation

\$1M: Ag Projects

\$1M: Environmental & Recreation

Application deadlines are Aug 1, Oct 1, Feb 1 & May 1. For the Aug 1 deadline, the 1<sup>st</sup> reading will be in Sept, second reading in Oct.

**VII. Old Business/New Business**

**Old:** JCWCD Augmentation Plan Progress Report- Kent Crowder

The progress report, dated June 20, 2017, compiled by Wilson Water Group, was handed out. It showed that 55% of the budget had been expended the complete Tasks 1, 2 and 4.

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Tasks underway included elements of Tasks 3 & 9 involving ongoing discussions with reservoir owners and industrial developers in the basin. The new development: JCWCD dropped working with oil and gas developers and their potential future requirements will NOT be included in the augmentation plan. The reason given: JCWCD wanted to get out of the middle between individual or collective water right owners (willing sellers) and the oil/gas developers (willing buyers). Barbara asked whether such a sale would required water court and a change in use. Kent replied that Erin would be involved. Erin commented that the Michigan, Illinois and Grizzly are already over appropriated. It would be cheaper to apply for new junior storage/augmentation rights than to go to court to change an existing right. Kent commented that the demand projection is approximately 250-300 AF/yr, depending on how many new vertical and horizontal wells are drilled and completed. Randy Miller commented that Sandridge has 7 wells in the plan for this season, but plans can change quickly. Erin commented that Yampa-White did an in-depth needs assessment including industrial, which is critical to do for the SWSI update. the North Platte should do such an assessment.

**New:**

Water Congress in Steamboat Springs, Aug 22-24.

The next CWCB meeting, 9/19-21, will be held in Walden at the River Rock. Ty Wattenberg is now Chair of CWCB.

**VIII. Date for the next meeting**

The date for the next meeting was left open. Watch your email for date/time.