

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Minutes
Wednesday March 14, 2018
VFW Post 4265
419 E Victory Way Craig, CO 81625
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Jackie Brown.
2. **Introduction of Members and Audience:** All members and guests introduced themselves. See attached sign-in sheet.
3. **Approve/Modify Agenda:** Jackie requested that item 9a be moved before item 7, Doug Monger motioned that the agenda be modified as requested and approved, Burt Clements seconded, the motion passed.
4. **Review and Approval of January 10, 2018 Minutes:** Geoff Blakeslee made a motion to approve the January Draft minutes, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed.
5. **Budget Report (CWCB), SWSI update, and [Colorado Water Trust CWCB Pilot](#):** Craig Godbout reported that as of March, the YWG Basin Balance is \$1,047,180 and the Statewide Account Balance is \$2,160,957. The Colorado Water Trust information is included in the packet for review, and will be discussed at a later date. No SWSI update.
6. **Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** Jackie Brown announced that there was a card circulating the room for Mary Brown, with an update on how Mary is doing. She also thanked Dan Birch for his time on the Roundtable and recognized his retirement as the Deputy General Manager of the River District. Callie Hendrickson the Executive Director of the White River & Douglas Creek Conservation Districts, spoke about the concern and impact of the algae issue in the White River. Last year the Roundtable received, and distributed a letter in regards to this issue. The cause is still unknown, but they continue to work towards finding answers and a solution. Callie stated that she would like to come before the Roundtable at a later meeting, with a grant request.
7. **Reports of Each Standing or Special Committee:**
 - a. **BIP Sub-Committee (5min)** The Sub-Committee received the final draft report and will send it out to the Roundtable for review. Jackie noted that the project was under budget.
 - b. **IBCC Update (15min)** Kevin McBride and Tom Gray: The IBCC will continue to use the seven point framework as a basis for future discussions. Kevin believes that they will have tough conversations in the future about the potential of curtailment, transmountain diversion, and how a compact would/will be called. The IBCC will be sending out a letter to educate political candidates. They will also continue to discuss funding. Jackie reminded the Roundtable that the White

Paper was done in parallel to the Basin Implementation Plan. They discussed recirculating the White Paper and bringing it as a discussion item to the next meeting.

c. West Slope BRT: Was discussed under **9a**.

d. PEPO/Education Committee Update (10min) - Kelly Romero-Heaney: The PEPO Committee voted on logos to present to the Executive Committee, who will be making the final decision. The Committee is working with Yampatika to create a Yampa River Curriculum for local schools. Marsha Daughenbaugh passed out postcards that contain all of the necessary information for upcoming education events in the Basin.

e. Grant Committee Update (10min): Members discussed setting a consistent time line for grants, allocating a specific amount of money for different types of grants, routing applicants through CAA for help and guidance, and the possibility of setting apart efficiency grants. There was discussion on what defined an efficiency grant, but no decisions were made. Alden Vanden Brink suggested setting up a Grant Workshop prior to the May meeting. Doug Monger suggested that the Grant Committee come up with ideas/proposals before the workshop. All were in agreement.

f. Integrated Water Management Plan Update - was discussed under **8a**

g. DWR Update (20min) Erin Light spoke on the well permitting issue in Routt County. Over-appropriated streams combined with a lack of previously approved supply plans, is the reason for a halt on the issuing of well permits in subdivisions. Through a long process, the Division 6 office has worked with the State office to find a solution. Taking into consideration what the opinion would have been, had a water supply plan been submitted for these subdivisions. They also considered the long standing practice of honoring that opinion in the face of changing conditions, such as over-appropriations. They can now allow the issuance of well permitting under limited conditions. Erin will forward the letter, that was sent to the Routt County Planning Department, to the Roundtable Members. As it contains more specific information. Erin also stated that water supply plan opinion letters can be found on the DWR website.

8. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:

a. Integrated Water Management Plan (20min) The IWMP sub committee met today before the Roundtable meeting. The group will continue to meet before Roundtable meetings, as the BIP sub-committee did. These meetings will be open to any interested parties. The project coordinator, Nicole Seltzer, is being paid through a grant from the River Network that the Roundtable was awarded last fall. The contractors will be Ryan Golten and Dan Birch with CBI. The fee for phase one is being covered by a donation from TNC. Geoff Blakeslee stated that there are no strings or expectations attached to this donation. Alden Vanden Brink expressed a concern as to whether or not the YWG Roundtable is the right group to be spearheading a project of this nature. That concern will be addressed during Phase I discussion. Jeff Comstock expressed his desire for the Roundtable to facilitate this project, as there is a large risk with other groups doing so. Jay Gallagher reminded the Roundtable that the BIP does have a role to

play, that this plan rests on. Doug Monger moved that the Roundtable approve moving forward with the IWMP. Tom Gray asked that the motion be amended to accommodate approval from the Roundtable for each phase of the project, T. Wright seconded the amended motion. Motion passed.

b. IBCC Candidate Letter (5min) The Interbasin Compact Committee is drafting a letter to 2018 political candidates to educate them on who and what the IBCC is, why they should care, what the solution is, and how they can get involved. T. Wright Dickinson stated that the Roundtable has sent a letter like this in the past, he encouraged and supported doing so again. Tom Gray motioned to approve sending candidate letters, Burt Clements seconded the motion. Doug Monger suggested that if the Roundtable is sending the letters, the letter should be from the Roundtable and include issues from this Basin. All were in favor of sending the letter. Doug agreed to write up a draft.

c. Water Education Colorado Letter of Support for the Colorado Water Plan Engagement and Innovation Grant Fund (5min)

Water Education Colorado, is asking for a letter of support for their \$47,000 Grant Request from the Colorado Water Plan Engagement and Innovation Grant Fund. Their primary goal will be to design and build a statewide strategic Water Education Action Plan, and to update and align Water Education Colorado's organizational strategic plan with the statewide plan, and play a leadership role in the implementation of the statewide plan. Kelly Romero-Heaney explained that this group is trying to pool together resources for the State. Their intention is to capture what the YWG is doing and help get that information out to a broader audience. Kevin McBride motioned that the Roundtable send a letter of support, Geoff Blakeslee seconded, the motion passed.

d. New grant sideboards regarding efficiency project - from 7e (10min) Frank Alfone motioned to table this discussion, Steve Hinkemeyer seconded, the motion passed.

9. New Business:

a. West Slope Study update (45min) Jackie Brown announced that there will be a 4 Basin Roundtable Caucus meeting April 25th in Grand Junction at Ute Water Conservancy, from 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Jackie suggested that members read John Carron's summary, and Eric Kuhns report on Phase II. There is a possibility that there will be a call in number for this meeting, more information will be distributed as it becomes available.

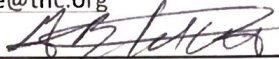
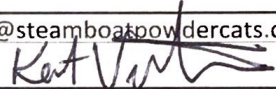
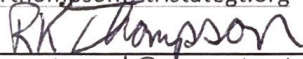
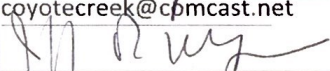

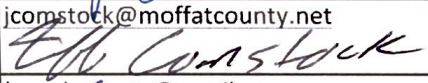

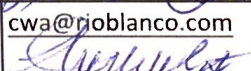
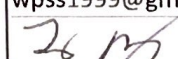
b. Green River update (15min) On behalf of the Green River Stakeholders T. Wright Dickinson, presented the Roundtable with information regarding the adverse affects of releasing water from the Flaming Gorge Dam, by The Endangered Fish Recovery Program, Western Area Power Administration, and the Federal Bureau of Reclamation. The Green River Stakeholders are committed to finding a solution that does not come with adverse effects to the water users. These Stakeholders are not asking for the Roundtable to support their suggested alternative solutions. They are however, asking that the Roundtable

write a letter of support that encourages all parties to work together to find a solution. Jeff Comstock moved that the Roundtable send a letter of support for the Green River Stakeholders, that encourages meaningful dialogue between the Fish Recovery Program, WAPA, the BOR and the stakeholders to find a solution. Tom Gray seconded the motion. Doug Monger asked that the motion be amended to include approval of the letter from the Roundtable. The amended motion passed.

- 10. Announcements:** Jackie Brown acknowledged Frank Alfone and Hunter Causey as award recipients from Water Education Colorado. Marsha Daughenbaugh's retirement was acknowledged with a standing ovation.
- 11. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Next Meeting date is May 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Membership of the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable 2018		Name	Term Exp.	Jan, 10	Mar, 14	May, 9	Jul, 11	Sep, 12	Nov, 14	Signature/email
1	Routt County Commissioners Appointment:	Doug Monger	2018	X						dmonger@co.routt.co.us <i>[Signature]</i>
2	Moffat County Commissioners Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2019)	Tom Gray	2018	X	X					trgray7@gmail.com <i>Tom Gray</i>
3	Rio Blanco County Commissioners Appointment:	Jon Hill	2018		X					jon.hill@rbc.us <i>SE. WOODRUFF@RBC.US</i>
4	Garfield County Commissioners Appointment: (Vaccant Never filled)									
5	Routt County Municipality Appointment:	Kelly Romero-Heaney	2018	X	X					kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net <i>Kelly Romero-Heaney</i>
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2018	X	X					steve@trappermine.com <i>Steve Hinkemeyer</i>
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2018		X					aldenvb@yahoo.com <i>Alden Vanden Brink</i>
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Kevin McBride	2018	X	X					kmcbride@upperyampawater.com
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)	Mike Camblin	2018		X					mcamblin@camblininc.com <i>[Signature]</i>
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment	Kai Turner	2018							kaimiturner@gmail.com
11	Pothook Water Conservancy District Appointment:	J Sheehan	2022	X						gsheehan7321@gmail.com <i>[Signature]</i>
12	Rio Blanco Conservancy District	Tim Winkler	2020		X					timwinkler7272@gmail.com <i>Tim Winkler</i>
13	Colorado River Water Conservation District Appointment:	Hunter Causey	2018	X	X					hcausey@crwcd.org

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14	House/Senate Appointment:		2018								
	At-large Appointments from above members			Jan, 10	Mar, 14	May, 9	Jul, 11	Sep, 12	Nov, 14	Signature/email	
15	Environmental Appointment:	Geoff Blakeslee	2018	x	X					gblakeslee@tnc.org 	
16	Agricultural Appointment:	Will Myers	2018	x	X					will@headwaterengineering.com	
17	Recreation:	Kent Vertrees	2022	x	X					kent@steamboatpowdercats.com → kent@efn.com 	
18	Domestic Water Provider:	Frank Alfone	2022	x	X					falfone@mwwater.com	
19	Industrial Water Interest:	Rich Thompson	2022	x	X					rthompson@tristategt.org 	
20	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Meyers	2022							coyotecreek@comcast.net 	
21	At-Large Representative: (Chair through 2019)	Jackie Brown	2022	x	X					jbrown@tristategt.org 	
22	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Comstock	2022	x						jcomstock@moffatcounty.net 	
23	At-Large Representative:	Burt Clements	2022							burtclements@gmail.com 	
24	At-Large Representative:	Chuck Whiteman	2021	x	X					cwa@rioblanco.com 	
25	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Devere	2021	x						jeffery.devere@cncc.edu	
26	At-Large Representative:	Chuck G. Grobe	2021							cgrobe@moffatcounty.net	
27	At-Large Representative:	Travis Day	2021		X					wpss1999@gmail.com 	

28	At-Large Representative:	Bill Badaracca	2021	X	✓						fairsquareoffice@gmail.com
29	At-Large Representative:	Vince Wilczek	2021	X	✓						vwilczek@rangelyco.gov
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30	Green River Basin Representative	T. Wright Dickinson	2021	X							twrightdickinson@vermillionranchlp.com
31	Non Voting that live outside the Basin that hold water rights in the Basin		2021								
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34	Non-Voting Colorado Water Conservation Board Representative	Jay Gallagher	no term	X	✓						jaygalla@comcast.net

Guest Sign-In Sheet

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If you would like to join our notification list, please add your email address below.

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