

Minutes of NPBRT Meeting: 5-22-18
USFS Conf. Room (3-5 PM) 100 Main Street, Walden, CO

Members/Liaisons Present

*Mike Allnutt
Deb Alpe
*Jim Baller
Paula Belcher (BLM)
*Kent Crowder
*Blaine Evans
David Graf (CPW)
*Randy Miller
*Carl Trick II
*Pat VanValkenburg
*Ty Wattenberg
Tara Wertz

Members/Liaisons Absent

*Scott Fischer
Debby Heeney (NRCS)

*Mike Honholz
*John Rich
*Barbara Vasquez
*Douglas Waldron
*Rick Wyatt
Jeremiah Zamora (USFS)

Others Present

Matt Bloom
Craig Godbout
Erin Light
Coy Meyring
John Treacy (W.W.Wheeler)
Kincaid Waldron
Richard Wyatt

I. Introductions/Agenda Review

Agenda was accepted as proposed.

II. Approval of Minutes for NPBRT 3-27-18 meetings

The minutes of the 3-27-18 meetings were approved with minor corrections which included correction from \$9M→\$10M for severance tax funds placed in the CWCB account and two spelling errors.

III. Discussion and Vote on WSRF Grant Application for \$67,600 in Basin Account Funds for the Coyte Reservoir Outlet Repair Submitted by Spicer Ranches, Ltd. - Voting members of Roundtable will vote on Roundtable approval of this WSRF Grant Application - Coy Meyring, Managing General Partner, Spicer Ranches , Ltd.

Coy Meyring presented his project, explaining the location and project elements as described in the WSRF grant application requesting \$67,600 from North Platte Basin account funds. No State account funds are requested. Funds will be used to complete repairs on the Coyte Reservoir that were identified in the Division of Water Resources Engineer's Inspection Report dated 11-01-2017. Spicer Ranches will contribute a total project match of \$26,600 (\$10,000 cash and \$13,000 in-kind labor and equipment.) Design Engineer, John Treacy, with W.W. Wheeler and Associates, Inc. was present to offer additional details regarding project design and costs as needed. Discussion included a few clarifying questions regarding the project. Craig Godbout provided information regarding eligibility of matching funds spent within 9 months of the project contract or purchase order. Craig also emphasized the need for detailed invoice documentation when submitting reimbursement requests. The Roundtable Board proceeded to vote and the project proposal was accepted unanimously. Kent stated he would compose and submit a letter denoting the Roundtable's acceptance of the proposal to Craig Godbout right away.

IV. North Platte Basin Roundtable Education Report Update - Deb Alpe, Education Liaison
Deb Alpe provided a brief Education Committee report regarding the upcoming June 7

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Water Social targeting our next generation water leaders. The event will be held at the River Rock banquet room from 6:30-8:30pm, including snacks and beverages. Notecard invitations were sent out from a mailing list developed from current Ag mailing lists. The goal is to host an informal get-together to provide information on the goals of the North Platte Basin Roundtable and to encourage more participation from some of the younger people in our community. Very brief presentations regarding the WSRF, the weather modification project, recreational fishing will be given. We hope to show our new video if it is completed by Christi Bode of Moxicran Media that will feature the relationship between consumptive and nonconsumptive water uses in the North Platte Basin. Tara Wertz, Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge Manager was invited to host a table display featuring duck identification. Tara requested more clarification of who our target audience is meant to be and after some discussion, considering the more ag related content that we'll be featuring, we generally agreed the target is primarily the agricultural community in North Park for this event. Tara was asked to participate in helping the Education Committee design a future community event that would appeal to a broader target audience of young community members.

V. CWCB/IBCC – Craig Godbout, Ty Wattenberg

WSRF update:

Craig Godbout provided an update on the WSRF challenges given current funding climate. For the upcoming Fiscal Year, there will be no Severance Tax Funds available for Basin use, but 2M from the State Construction Fund will be used. Each basin will receive \$80,000 with 40% of that amount distributed in July, 30% in January and 30% in April. Carl Trick addressed the sustainability of the WSRF. He commented that he recalls that during the early years of the IBCC effort, how low interest loans as an option to grants were once discussed. He asked Craig if this idea has ever been discussed and Craig responded that he has not ever heard such discussion.

IBCC:

Regarding the IBCC report, since our representative were unavailable to attend, Craig Godbout shared that there were 3 topics discussed during the last IBCC meeting: 1) Funding discussion included how ballot issues might evolve with nothing concrete currently in the works. 2) The South Platte Regional Working Group is a huge consortium exploring storage options on the South Platte and 3 or more reservoir sites being discussed. 3) Regarding the Conceptual Framework, there was apparently no desire among the IBCC participants to spend further time and effort elaborating on the Framework at this time.

CWCB:

Ty Wattenberg stated that because he was term limited and could not continue to represent the North Platte on the CWCB, from the applications submitted to the CWCB for this position, Curran Trick was selected and confirmed. Ty stated Curran would take her Oath of Office during the Salida CWCB meeting to begin the following day. Ty thanked everyone present of trusting him to serve and represent the North Platte on the CWCB for the past 6 years and stated that he has enjoyed his appointment. The group thanked Ty for his service and Craig Godbout commented that Ty has been very much appreciated by the CWCB staff during the past 6 years.

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VI. Old Business/New Business

Old:

Lysimeter Project

Please refer to the attached detailed project update submitted by Wendy Ryan to Craig Godbout on April 26, 2018 (included with these minutes).

Carl Trick provided a verbal update on the project. Project lead, Wendy Ryan with Colorado River Engineering, met with Georg Unold, a representative of Meter Group who visited the site from Germany on April 25th. Carl reported that the Meter Group is in a redesign phase of the lysimeter at their factory with the hope that some of the changes will make for a more accurate instrument. Carl hopes that Wendy will push for us to receive one of the upgraded lysimeters free of charge to replace our current systems when the redesign is complete.

Caid Waldron has been helping Wendy with the project this year and reports that the water had arrived to the site several days prior to the meeting and so far no instrument flooding has occurred. He also noted that Wendy is considering hand watering to "irrigate" the lysimeter this year instead of using the automated "irrigation" system used in the prior years.

New:

None

VII. Date for the next meeting

No next meeting date was set at this time. Watch your email for date/time.