

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Holiday Inn Express  
Montrose, Colorado  
July 16, 2018**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Steve Anderson	Industrial, CWCB Liaison
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Kathleen Curry	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
Jay Jutten	Montrose County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Greg Peterson	Saguache County
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County

**Voting Members Absent:**

Patrice Alonzo	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Barbara Bynum	Montrose Municipalities
Ray Hanson	Delta Municipalities
John Justman	Mesa County
Dan Murphy	Hinsdale Municipalities
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Steve Shea	Agricultural

**Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

Craig Godbout (CWCB Liaison), Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Dave Kanzer (CRD Liaison).

**Public:** Keith McLaughlin (CO Water & Power Authority), Randi Johnson-Hufford (CO Dept. of Public Health & Environment), Amy Ostdick (CO Atty General's Office), Brent Newman (CWCB), Matt Montgomery (US Army Corps of Engineers), Chris Caskey and Jake Hartter (Western Slope Conservation Center), Ryan Cushenan (City of Montrose), Steve Anders (USGS), Brent Gardner-Smith (Aspen Journalism), Jim Plumhoff (UVWUA), Mike Mason (Candidate HD61), Ryan Unterreiner (CPW).

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Curry.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

After roll call it was declared a quorum was present.

**Approve Agenda**

Ron Shaver moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Neal Schwieterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Approve May 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the May 21, 2018 Meeting Minutes as presented. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Report from Educational Committee**

Marti Whitmore said she had nothing to report.

Dave Kanzer discussed updates to the website and asked if everyone received an email notice for the Gunnison River Basin newsletter. Dave said he has a count on hits to the website and will send the information to Marti to distribute.

**Report from the IBCC Representative**

Joanne Fagan said she was assigned to the funding task force several IBCC meetings ago. The task force is working on determining what should be funded and how funds should be administered. The draft document distributed by email is what they have come up with so far. They are looking for feedback.

Roundtable members discussed item and felt it would never pass because it is written for indiscriminate uses and seems mostly geared toward water quality and environmental purposes. It was felt in order to pass it should be geared more toward more specific projects, i.e., agriculture or Colorado River Compact, something that is a little bit more specific.

### **Report from the CWCB Representative**

Steve Anderson said he attended his first CWCB meeting, which took place in Salida. He said he is impressed with staff and states they are professional and do an outstanding job.

Steve reported on the meeting. Mussels are a concern in reservoirs. Colorado Parks and Wildlife have started charging a boat fee of \$25 per year to fund this program. They will also be raising hunting licenses and park fees.

The Board discussed the Statewide Water Supply Initiative which has begun. It will have more detailed hydrologic information than in the past. It will address agriculture, environmental and recreation gaps, and a revised population projection. It is being used to update the Colorado Water Plan and the Basin Implementation Plans.

The Attorney General's report took a considerable length of time in executive session. Steve said everything in news was covered in the session.

There was a report on the endangered fish recovery program. One species may qualify for delisting.

Water Education Colorado is the new name for the Colorado Foundation for Water Education. The CWCB has supported them this year with a \$150,000 grant.

The Board approved 2 grants for the Water Supply Reserve fund from this basin. In 2019 the methodology for the water supply grants will change. Funding opportunities will be reduced from 3 to 2. Application deadlines are August 1 and February 1.

Craig Godbout gave an update on the balance in the basin account. The next disbursement of funds to the account will be January 1st.

### **Report from Brent Newman, CWCB, on Drought Contingency Planning**

Brent Newman from the CWCB and Amy Ostdick from the Attorney General's office gave a presentation on drought contingency planning.

Mr. Newman will send the presentation to Frank Kugel to distribute. There is an email address on it if anyone wants to comment.

### **Basin Implementation Plan Project Funding Status and Prioritization**

Frank Kugel said at the last Roundtable meeting there was a discussion on basin implementation planning and how to fund projects, and also updating the BIP project list. Frank asked anyone who has feedback on projects to email their comments to him. He will distribute the comments to the committee and have a meeting on how to prioritize and fund these projects. They want to be organized to have the projects list ready for when money becomes available. Several members of the BIP committee have left the Roundtable and Frank said if anyone else would like to be on the committee or work on the list let him know. Cary Denison said he felt it would also be helpful to have project updates from previously funded projects.

Craig Godbout said they are thinking about forming a working group to see what the content of the basin implementation plans should look like. They are not planning on starting the process until 2020 after SWSI is done in 2019. They want to leave it up to the Roundtables as to how much updating they want to do. It may just be updating the IPPs and not a whole rewrite.

Kathleen Curry asked Frank for a specific report at the next Roundtable meeting. There will be a meeting of the BIP Committee prior to the next Roundtable meeting. At the next meeting the Roundtable can review the report to see if the list is accurate, if it needs to be reordered, and status of projects which have been funded. The Roundtable can also look at projects needing funds to see if they could be combined.

**Colorado Water and Power Authority and Colorado Water Quality Control Division  
Funding Opportunities, Keith McLaughlin and Randi Johnson Hufford**

Keith McLaughlin is the Finance Director for the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and Randi Johnson Hufford is a Project Manager with the Colorado Water Quality Control Division. They gave a presentation on programs they work together on.

**Paonia Reservoir Sediment Removal, Christopher Caskey and Steve Fletcher**

Christopher Caskey and Steve Fletcher gave a presentation on sediment removal from Paonia Reservoir. This BOR owned facility has lost 5,000 acre feet of capacity due to deposits of sediment from Muddy Creek. They are trying to find ways to keep sediment and trash out. Mr. Caskey has a proposal for mining the clay sediment from the reservoir to make bricks. He is asking for a letter of support as he goes in search for grants.

Dixie Luke moved the Gunnison Basin Roundtable provide a letter of support to allow this to project to move forward. Neal Schwieterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Caskey was requested to supply a template letter of support which includes an outline of how this project is going to alleviate supply issues. The letter will be circulated to the Roundtable members for approval.

**WSRF Grant Requests – Tom Alvey**

Tom Alvey stated there are no requests for project grants for this meeting. There are a few potential requests coming in the future, but nothing definite at this time. There will be two grant requests from Gunnison Basin coming before the CWCB board at the September meeting in Steamboat Springs.

Craig Godbout said the next disbursements of money to the basin account will be \$40,000 in January 2019 and another \$40,000 in April 2019.

**Other Business**

Steve Fletcher said earlier this year the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company requested a letter of support for a WaterSMART water efficiency grant which did not receive funding. Steve is asking for another letter of support for a small scale WaterSMART water efficiency grant.

Tom Alvey moved to support the Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company letter of support for a WaterSMART grant. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Steve Fletcher will provide Kathleen Curry a template letter.

**Future Meetings**

The next Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting will be on September 17, 2018.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'MB', is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

Dave Kanzer to provide report on hits to the website to Marti Whitmore to distribute to Roundtable members.

Basin Implementation Planning Committee to meet and create an updated projects list to report at the next Roundtable meeting.

PowerPoint slides from Brent Newman's presentation, Keith McLaughlin and Randi Johnson Hufford's presentation, and Christopher Caskey's presentation to be sent to Roundtable members.

Kathleen Curry to provide letter of support for mining of clay to create brick from Paonia Reservoir. Christopher Caskey to provide a template letter.

Kathleen Curry to provide a letter of support for Fire Mountain Canal and Reservoir Company for a small scale WaterSMART grant. Steve Fletcher will provide a template letter.