

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Draft Minutes
Wednesday September 12, 2018
500 Kennedy Drive, Rangely CO 81648
Weiss Building – Colorado Room
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: 6:00pm** The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Jackie Brown.
- 2. Introduction of Members and Audience:** Members and guests introduced themselves. See attached sign-in sheet.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Jackie Brown suggested removing item 7a, adding an IBCC funding update as item 7d, changing item 8e to a motion of support instead of a letter of support, and moving the LOS for Wyoming Battle Cr. Reservoir, item 8f to the November meeting. Tom Gray made a motion to approve the suggested changes to the agenda, Chuck Whitman seconded, the motion passed.
- 4. Review and Approval of July 11, 2018 Minutes:** Geoff Blakeslee made a motion to approve the July Draft minutes, Mike Camblin seconded, the motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report CWCB update:** CWCB (5min) Jay Gallagher reported that after the Leafy Spurge funds come out of the Basin Account the balance will be roughly \$1,020,000. The State account balance is approximately 2 million.
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** Deirdre Macnab from the 4M Ranch, a Rio Blanco resident, asked to speak on the proposed Wolf Creek Reservoir. Deirdre thanked the Roundtable for their ongoing stewardship and efforts to move forward with an Integrated Water Management Plan on the Yampa River. She expressed her desire for the Rio Blanco Conservancy District to use the same IWMP approach on the White River, prior to starting and/or investing in a reservoir. Deirdre also expressed her concern with the financial investment in the reservoir, with there being no other solution but a reservoir, and potential lack of outreach to stakeholders. She wondered if the proposed reservoir site would be fit for a reservoir as it is a desert area, and soil samples have not been done yet. Deirdre closed by asking that if Roundtable members choose to financially contribute to this project, that they first ensure that due diligence has been done.
- 7. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees**
 - a.** Division 6 Water Resources: (5 min) Erin Light discussed a call on the Little Snake, and the challenges that ensue in this particular situation, due to headwaters originating in another state. Her office will be working with Wyoming this winter to establish priority administration. Erin then went on to explain the current call on the Yampa

River. Water is being released from Elkhead for the Recovery Program, when water was asked for at Lily Park they had to place a call.

- b. PEPO Committee: (5 min) Kelly Romero-Heaney reported that the PEPO Committee is getting video proposals, and are looking for input from the Roundtable on what stories are desired to be told. Kelly and Patrick Stanko attended the Statewide PEPO meeting in August. The education action plan expires this month, but the CWCB would like better framework, so they are waiting to receive that information before updating the plan. Kelly also reminded everyone to keep watching for Roundtable adds in the newspapers.
- c. Upper Gunnison IWMP: Frank Kugel (30 min) prior to the Roundtable meeting Frank spoke to the IWMP Committee on how the Upper Gunnison has structured and implemented their watershed planning effort. You can find the notes from that meeting [here](#). During the Roundtable meeting Frank shared an [Upper Gunnison Video](#), and briefly spoke on the topics he covered with the IWMP Committee. Frank is hopeful that sharing what they have learned will help this Roundtable as they move forward in their planning process, and he encouraged all basins to continue sharing information as they work through the stream management process.
- d. IBCC funding update – T. Wright Dickinson spoke on the million-dollar funding gap. He will be sending out an informational email to Roundtable members asking for feedback. T. Wright stated that participants in Ag, Municipal and Environmental communities will all need to come together to get a solution passed.

8. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:

- a. White River Algae (15 min) Callie Hendrickson presented to the Roundtable on behalf of the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts. Callie briefly went over the algae problem, and the history of the project. Callie explained that a technical advisory group was formed in the fall of 2017 to develop and monitor the white river algae project's scope of work. This effort is to better understand why the excessive amount of benthic algae is occurring in the white river, the study is being implemented by the USGS. T. Wright Dickinson motioned to approve the \$99,000 grant request Alden Vanden Brink Seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Grant Committee Approval of Forms and Funding (5 min) Doug Monger directed members to the July minutes under item 9e for in depth details on the new grant process. The Grant Committee is proposing \$300,000 in possible Grant spending for the 2019 Grant Cycle. This amount would include \$50,000 for small (under \$10,000) grant requests, \$50,000 for CWCB/BRT driven projects, and the three pending grant requests. Doug motioned to approve the Grant Committees proposal, Geoff Blakeslee seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

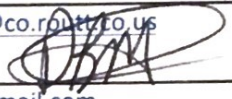

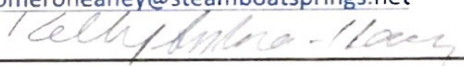
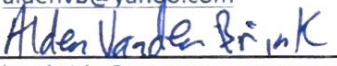
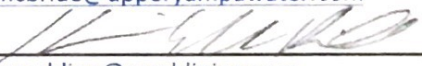
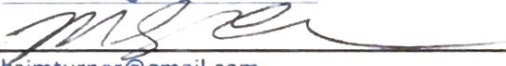


- c. IWMP Larger Request Amount Approval (5 min) Jackie Brown reminded the Roundtable that \$30,000 was approved for final scoping of the IWMP at the last Roundtable meeting. This amount was chosen because that was thought to be the remaining balance from the BIP Phase III study. The remaining balance ended up being \$47,000. The question was posed as to whether or not the Roundtable would like to enlarge the approved amount. Kevin McBride motioned to approve \$47,000 for final scoping for the IWMP. Mike Camblin seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- d. LOS for Maybell Ditch (5 min) Geoff Blakeslee spoke on behalf of the Maybell Ditch lining project. With the help of the Nature Conservancy, the Maybell Irrigation District submitted a Water Smart Grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation in July. The Ditch is losing an estimated thirty to fifty percent of their water through a porous section of the ditch. If approved, this grant will help improve water delivery efficiency by lining that section of the Ditch. This effort will contribute to improving water efficiency in the Colorado River Basin. The Nature Conservancy and the Maybell Ditch are asking for a Letter of Support for this project. Frank Alfone motioned to approve the Letter of Support for the Maybell Ditch Lining project. Doug Monger seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Motion of support for Risk Study III funding and purpose (5 min) Jackie Brown briefly went over the history of the Risk Study. Phases I and II were funded through West Slope Roundtables and the CWCB. The proposed Phase III is looking to be funded through the Colorado River District and the Southwestern River District. Motioning to support this study signifies the Roundtables support. This Roundtable will receive information and an in-person presentation. Updates will continue at meetings and concerns can be forwarded to the Technical Committee. Kevin McBride stated his agreement that the River District should move forward with Phase III, but voiced concerns over model runs not including the Yampa and White Rivers. Alden Vanden Brink would like to see the economic piece looked at, as curtailment could potentially collapse the Yampa and White Basins economies. The members discussed bringing the White paper back for review at the November meeting. Doug Monger motioned for support of the Risk Study in concept, Kevin seconded. T. Wright Dickenson was in opposition. The motion passed. Later Doug motioned to reopen discussion, T. Wright seconded. After discussion changing the motion to support the Risk Study Phase III funding and purpose with a footnote that the YWG intends to study curtailment scenarios that include a portion of the Yampa and White River native flows for future use, was desired. Doug motioned to amend his previous motion of support to include the suggested footnote, Tom Gray seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

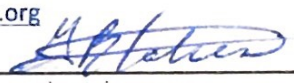
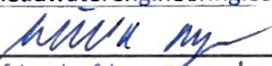
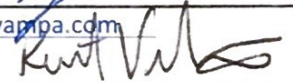

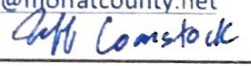
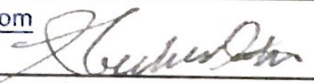
9. New Business:

- a. White River Storage update with Q&A (60 min) Brad McCloud presented to the Roundtable on behalf of the Storage Project, the presentation can be found [here](#). Kelly Romero-Heaney asked Brad what the Town of Rangely's stance on the reservoir was. The Mayor was in attendance and vocalized the towns support of the project. Tom Gray stated that he was supportive of Rangely taking care of their future needs but has

concerns with the economic feasibility, particularly with not seeing a desire from energy companies to participate. Deirdre Macnab stated her concern with an estimated \$133,000 cost to Rangely residents. Deirdre asked if water could be stored higher up the river so that all White River users could benefit for additional storage. Brad stated that Rangely residents are not being asked to pay for the reservoir, finances will be based off of who participates, and in response to Tom's concern the reservoir would only be built for purpose and need. The reservoir would not be built to include energy needs, if energy companies were not financially contributing.

- b. Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District Morrison Creek Reservoir Project (10 min)
Kevin McBride reminded the Roundtable that this project has garnished Roundtable support in the past, they will be coming back to the Roundtable in the near future with a grant request. The Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District is asking for continued support.
- 10. Announcements:** Members were reminded that first readings for this grant cycle will be heard at the October 17th Grant meeting. The meeting will be held at CNCC Craig Campus at 6:00pm.
- 11. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Next Meeting date is November 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
- 12. Adjournment:** 9:15pm

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	X	X	X			 dmonger@co.routt.co.us
2	Moffat County Commissioners Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2019)	Tom Gray	2018	X	X	X	X			trgray7@gmail.com
3	Rio Blanco County Commissioners Appointment:	Si Woodruff	2023							si.woodruff@rbc.us 
4	Garfield County Commissioners Appointment: (Vaccant Never filled)									
5	Routt County Municipality Appointment:	Kelly Romero-Heaney	2018	X	X	X	X	X		kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net 
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2018	X	X	X	X			steve@trappermine.com
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2018		X	X	X			aldenvb@yahoo.com 
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Kevin McBride	2018	X	X	X				kmcbride@upperyampawater.com 
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)	Mike Camblin	2018	X	X	X	X	X		mcamblin@camblininc.com 
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment	Kai Turner	2018							kaimturner@gmail.com
11	Pothook Water Conservancy District Appointment:	J Sheehan	2022	X	X					gsheehan7321@gmail.com
12	Rio Blanco Conservancy District	Tim Winkler	2020		X		X	X		timwinkler7272@gmail.com 
13	Colorado River Water Conservation District Appointment:	Hunter Causey	2018	X	X	X		X		hcausey@crwcd.org 

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	X	X			gblakeslee@tnc.org 	
16	Agricultural Appointment:	Will Myers	2018	X	X		X			will@headwaterengineering.com 	
17	Recreation:	Kent Vertrees	2022	X	X		X	X		kent@friendsoftheyampa.com 	
18	Domestic Water Provider:	Frank Alfone	2022	X	X	X	X	X		falfone@mwwater.com	
19	Industrial Water Interest:	Rich Thompson	2022	X	X	X	X			rthompson@tristategt.org	
20	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Meyers	2022		X	X				coyotecreek@comcast.net	
21	At-Large Representative: (Chair through 2019)	Jackie Brown	2022	X	X	X	X	X		jbrown@tristategt.org 	
22	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Comstock	2022	X	X	X	X	X		jcomstock@moffatcounty.net 	
23	At-Large Representative:	Burt Clements	2022		X	X				burtclements@gmail.com	
24	At-Large Representative:	Chuck Whiteman	2021	X	X		X	X		cwa@rioblanco.com 	
25	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Devere	2021	X		X	X			jeffery.devere@cncc.edu	
26	At-Large Representative:	Chuck G. Grobe	2021			X	X			cgrobe@moffatcounty.net	
27	At-Large Representative:	Travis Day	2021		X		X			wpss1999@gmail.com	

28	At-Large Representative:	Bill Badaracca	2021	X	X	X	X			fairsquareoffice@gmail.com
29	At-Large Representative:	Vince Wilczek	2021	X	X			X		vwilczek@fangelyco.gov
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30	Green River Basin Representative	T. Wright Dickinson	2021	X	X					twrightdickinson@vermillionranchlp.com
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34	Non-Voting Colorado Water Conservation Board Representative	Jay Gallagher	no term	X	X	X	X	X		jaygalla@comcast.net

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Guest Sign-In Sheet

Name	Affiliation
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Tristan Nielsen	"
Terry Smalec	Douglas Creek Cons. Dist.
March Etchart	White River cons. Dist.
Margu Joy	White River Cons. Dist.
J. Leif Joy	RBC Survey/GIS/MAPPING Director
Gary Moyer	WRC District
Rosaly Coombs	citizen
Deirdre Macnab	4M Ranch
Reed Kelley	landowner/Ind. Candidate - RBC commish.
Kelly Beel	TS GST
Tamara Naumann	Moffat County Resident
Jackie Thompson	Carbondale CO Property Owner White River
Nicole Selzer	River Network
Angie Fowler	SGM / CBRT
Brent Gardner-Smith	Aspen Journalism
Leah Thompson	Land owner
Tim Quinn	landowner @ Wolf Creek
Sharon M. Smith	landowner @ Wolf Creek
Lisa Piering	Town of Rangely
PATRICK WALSH	ACTING SUPT DINOSAUR NM
Peggy Rector	Rio Blanco Water Cons. Dist.

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