

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Draft Agenda
Wednesday November 14, 2018
Quality Inn & Suites
300 S. Highway 13 Craig, CO 81625
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jackie Brown.
- 2. Introduction of Members and Audience:** Members and guests introduced themselves. See attached sign-in sheet.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Steve Hinkemeyer moved to approve the November draft agenda, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed.
- 4. Review and Approval of September 12, 2018 Minutes:** Kelly Romero-Heaney moved to approve the September Draft minutes. Mike Camblin seconded, the motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report CWCB, SWSI, BIP update:** CWCB Staff (5min) Craig Godbout reported that the Basin Account has \$1,019,976 the State account has \$847,969 on January 1st the Basin Account will receive \$140,000 and the State account will receive \$640,000. There will be a SWSI update in January.
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.
- 7. At – Large Elections:** (15 min) Jackie Brown thanked Geoff Blakeslee for his 13 years of service on the Roundtable. Seats up for re-appointment and new election are the Environmental At-Large, Agriculture At-Large, and a regular At-Large seat. Kelly Romero-Heaney moved to accept Brian Hodges appointment to the Environmental At-Large seat, as he was the only applicant. Si Woodruff seconded the motion. All were in favor. Will Myers was the only Agriculture At-Large applicant T. Wright Dickinson moved to accept his application, Steve Hinkemeyer seconded the motion, all were in favor. The regular At-Large seat had two applicants Deirdre Macnab and Terry Smalec. Deirdre was elected into the regular At-Large seat via secret ballot.
- 8. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees**
 - a. Big River Issues:** (20 min) Jim Pokrandt and Jackie Brown gave a [presentation](#) on big river issues, covering topics such as; drought contingency planning, demand management, the West Slope Risk Study and IBCC Funding. Jackie went over the

CWCB's Demand Management and Compact Administration Policy Statements. Kelly Romero-Heaney stated her concern that the terms voluntary, temporary and compensated are not defined. As well as the concern that compensation could create a market for taking water from the Yampa. Tom Gray also voiced concern with the language in statement number 6 as for many years this Basin has expressed its desire to not shoulder a disproportionate burden during a curtailment scenario. Tom moved for the BRT to send a resolution to request that the CWCB board consider adding the following six words to the end of policy statement 6: "...for obtaining roughly proportionate contributions of water consumptively used from the Colorado River System to a Demand Management program over a given timeframe from participants on each side of the Continental Divide" ***and from within the West Slope basins.*** T. Wright Dickinson seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Jackie then asked members how they would like to move forward with these big river issues. By way of more meetings or by utilizing a sub-committee? T. Wright moved to create "Big River Issues" subcommittee, Kelly seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Division 6 Water Resources:** (10 min) Erin Light addressed concerns of the possibility of an over appropriation status after the call on the Yampa early this year. A guide for determining an over appropriation status was created by Erin after the Elk River was designated over appropriated in 2011. Water rights are looked at to determine if there is enough water to meet needs. A call does not have to be placed for an over appropriated status to be considered. DWR also looks at if there was a possibility of a call, but a water user chose not to make one. This was the case this last summer on the White River when there was no natural flow. If the DWR was to determine the Yampa over appropriated it would be publicly advertised. Erin also announced that they will be holding a meeting at the Moffat County Courthouse at 6:30 p.m. on November 27th with the public to discuss water rights.
- c. **PEPO Committee:** (5 min) Patrick Stanko went over the [PEPO Education Action Plan](#) (EAP). The 2019 EAP is nearly identical to the 2018 EAP, which will pay for advertising Basin Roundtable meetings and vacancies. Doug Monger moved to approve the 2019 PEPO EAP, Kent Vertrees seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Grant Committee:** (5 min) Steve Hinkemeyer gave a [presentation](#) on the Grant Committees meeting in October for the first reading of grants participating in the new Grant cycle process. All Roundtable members are invited to participate. The Committee heard three grant presentations, two of which will be voted on tonight. The third was asked to come back for a final presentation, at a later time due to agenda time constraints. The full summary from the [Grant Committee meeting](#) is located in the meeting packet.

9. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:

- a. **UYRWG Streamflow, Suspended Sediment & Nutrients Study Grant:** (15 min) Lyn Holiday, Ken Leib, and Andy Rossi gave a [presentation](#) on the [Upper Yampa River Watershed Groups streamflow, suspended sediment and nutrients study](#). T. Wright

Dickinson asked the applicants if they were collecting new data? Lyn explained they are not collecting new data they are compiling existing data, combining it with nutrient sediment data and interpreting the information. T. Wright stated that he respectfully cannot support the project with the lop-sided nature of the request, he believed that there should be a higher match contribution. Jackie Brown asked the applicant why the Upper Yampa was not putting in more money if this project is important for permitting. Applicants explained that they asked the most direct and influenced entities to support the project. Lyn stated that their grant request does not reflect all of the in-kind work that will be done, for example Andy Rossi's contribution to the project. They did not include their in-kind contributions in their grant application because they believed that they had a strong cash match, per the grant guidelines and matrix. T. Wright moved to approve this project ask at the same 17% as the White River Algae project. Tim Winkler seconded the motion. Deirdre Macnab asked how this project differs from the White River Algae project. Ken explained that the Yampa River is just taking the first step, where the White River is taking the information received further. While appreciating comments, Doug Monger expressed his frustration with members not reading the information that they received on the grants, and explained that the Upper Yampa Conservancy District stepping up as the fiscal agent is a major contribution for an entity of this kind. Doug also reminded members that what happens up stream affects the rest of the river. Members were then reminded that this grant request falls within the acceptable grant guidelines, and 50% contributions have been funded in the past. Jackie called for members to vote on the motion to fund the project at 17%, Ken Brenner recused himself, the motion failed with only three in favor. Kelly Romero-Heaney moved to approve the grant request as presented. Kent Vertrees seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Yampa River Forest Restoration and Temperature Mitigation Grant:** (15 min) Kelly Romero-Heaney gave a [presentation](#) on the [Yampa River Forest Restoration and Temperature Mitigation project](#). Kent Vertrees voiced his support for the project, he participates on this Committee with Kelly and sees this as a legacy project. T. Wright Dickinson asked if the \$25,000 procurement was for trees, it is. Tim Winkler asked if they will be fencing the trees and if the trees will be planted on public or private land. They will be fencing trees. They will begin by planting trees on public lands, but are planning on trees being planted on private property as the project progresses. Kent moved to approve the grant request, T. Wright seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **LOS for Wyoming Battle Cr. Reservoir:** (15 min) Harry LaBonde, Jason Mead, and Pat O'Toole gave a brief [presentation](#) on the history of their proposed Wyoming Battle Creek Reservoir. Twenty five percent of the lands that would benefit from the irrigation water provided by this project, are in Colorado. As such, the Wyoming Legislature would like to see broader support in Colorado. The intention is for this reservoir to work jointly with Savery to maximize benefit. They would like Roundtable members to come and tour the area. Tom Gray moved to approve the [letter as presented](#), Hunter Causey seconded. Deirdre Macnab stated that she would feel more comfortable supporting the process not the project. Kent Vertrees reminded members that the Roundtable recently supported the Wolf Creek Reservoir process, not the project. Tom stated that he was okay amending the verbiage in the LOS to process instead of project, Hunter agreed. The

motion to approve the letter of support for the Battle Creek Reservoir Process passed unanimously.

- d. **CAWA LOS:** (5 min) On behalf of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association's Ag Water NetWORK, Mike Camblin asked for a letter of support for their Water and Stream Management Planning Outreach and Technical Assistance Grant application. Receiving this grant would help the Colorado Cattlemen's Association with outreach to raise awareness about watershed and stream management plans, what these plans are and how they can benefit agriculture. Mike moved to approve the [letter of support](#), T. Wright Dickinson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. **PEPO Education Action Plan:** (5 min) Patrick Stanko discussed the [2019 PEPO EAP](#). The EAP will cover advertising meetings and vacancies, and has no major changes from the 2018 EAP. Doug Monger moved to approve the 2019 PEPO Education Action Plan, Kent Vertrees seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- f. **IWMP:** (30 min) Geoff Blakeslee gave a brief overview on the history of the IWMP project and the scope of work thus far. Geoff reiterated that the YWG Basin Roundtable will be in charge of the project. The fiscal agent is still to be determined. The administration process will be done by the River Network. Participation from stakeholders representing different segments of the river would be very beneficial to this project. Lisa Brown with the Wilson Water Group gave a [presentation](#) on the Yampa River Basin Integrated Water Management Project phased approach, the scope of work including tasks, the schedule and the budget. This project will be taking 8 Basin goals from the BIP and helping implement actions that support these goals. This will be divided into 4 segments. Task 8 is what really sets the IWMP apart from the BIP, this will be where the subcommittee takes high scoring action plans and recommends them to the BRT for funding, the IWMP Committee will then coordinate with lead agencies and begin implementation Summer 2022. The total estimated project cost is \$654,750, with a \$178,000 in-kind match, a \$241,750 cash match and the remaining \$235,000 being funded by the CWCB Stream Management Plan grant that the IWMP sub-committee would like to apply for. T. Wright Dickinson moved to approve the CWCB Grant application for \$235,000, Jeff Meyer seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- g. **2019 Meeting location:** Jackie Brown discussed the possibility of moving the Basin Roundtable meetings to the Pavilion at the Moffat County Fairgrounds, and technological options that would be available. Kelly Romero-Heaney moved to move the 2019 BRT meetings to the Pavilion at the Moffat County Fairgrounds, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

10. New Business:

- a. **Lysimeter Presentation:** (20 min) Zach Schwalbe and Peter Goble with the Colorado Climate Center at Colorado State University gave a [presentation](#) on the Hayden


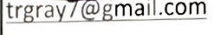

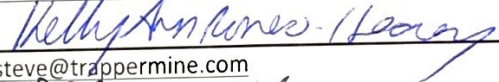


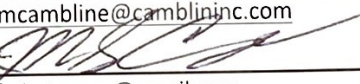
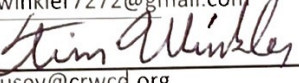
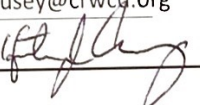
Lysimeter update. They went over background information for the project, field results and current findings. Steve Hinkemeyer asked why there was a data gap for three years. Zach explained that crops were being established in 2012, the Lysimeter was broken in 2013, the reason for a lack of data for the year 2014 was unknown as neither were affiliated with the project at the time.

- b. **White River PBO:** (30 min) Don Anderson, Tom Chart with the Upper Colorado River Recover Program and Jojo La with the CWCB gave a [presentation](#) on the status of the White River PBO. The White River Planning team is currently comprised of representatives from the CWCB, the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District, the Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Ute Tribe, the State of Utah, local water users with technical support from the Wilson Water Group. Jojo explained that they are currently conducting the competitive bid process, the project will start Spring 2019. The next steps are to finalize FWS flow recommendations, determine new depletions, contract and determine the level of NEPA analysis necessary for FWS to enter into a cooperative agreement. Before completion a draft management plan will come back to the YWG Roundtable for review. The Basin Implementation Plan Phase III has been a useful resource for this project. Mike Camblin asked what the timeline is, contracting will happen in early 2019 with PBO completion in 2020. T. Wright Dickinson asked what post 2023 will look like? Stakeholders are still committed to figuring out a way to manage eco systems and keep fish off of the endangered list, two species are currently going through the process of getting down listed.

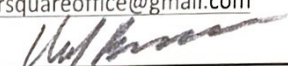
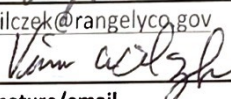
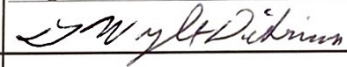
11. Announcements: Jackie Brown reminded members that the January meeting would be held at the Moffat County Pavilion. She also reminded members of the DWR's public meeting November 27th at 6:30 p.m.

12. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Next Meeting January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment: 10:26 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	X	X	X	X		<u>dmonger@co.routt.co.us</u> 
2	Moffat County Commissioners Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2019)	Tom Gray	2018	X	X	X	X	X		<u>tgray7@gmail.com</u> 
3	Rio Blanco County Commissioners Appointment:	Si Woodruff	2023					X		<u>si.woodruff@rbc.us</u> 
4	Garfield County Commissioners Appointment: (Vaccant Never filled)									
5	Routt County Municipality Appointment:	Kelly Romero- Heaney	2018	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net</u> 
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2018	X	X	X	X		X	<u>steve@trappermine.com</u> 
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2018		X	X	X	X		<u>aldenvb@yahoo.com</u> 
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Kevin McBride KEN BRENNER	2018	X	X	X		X		<u>kmcbride@upperyampawater.com</u> KPBRENNER STEAMBOAT @ GMAIL . COM
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)	Mike Camblin	2018	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>mcamblin@camblininc.com</u> 
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment	Kai Turner	2018							<u>kaimturner@gmail.com</u>
11	Pothook Water Conservancy District Appointment:	J Sheehan	2022	X	X					<u>gsheehan7321@gmail.com</u>
12	Rio Blanco Conservancy District	Tim Winkler	2020		X		X	X	X	<u>timwinkler7272@gmail.com</u> 
13	Colorado River Water Conservation District Appointment:	Hunter Causey	2018	X	X	X		X	X	<u>hcausey@crwcd.org</u> 

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	X	X	gblakeslee@tnc.org	
16	Agricultural Appointment:	Will Myers	2018	X	X		X	X	X	will@headwaterengineering.com	
17	Recreation:	Kent Vertrees	2022	X	X		X	X	X	kent@friendsofthelampa.com	
18	Domestic Water Provider:	Frank Alfone	2022	X	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	X	jbrown@tristategt.org	
22	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Comstock	2022	X	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	X	cwa@rioblago.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	X	✓	fairsquareoffice@gmail.com 
29	At-Large Representative:	Vince Wilczek	2021	X	X			X		vwilczek@rangelco.gov 
	At-large Appointments from above members			Jan, 10	Mar, 14	May, 9	Jul, 11	Sep, 12	Nov, 14	Signature/email
30	Green River Basin Representative	T. Wright Dickinson	2021	X	X			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	X	X	X	X		jaygalla@comcast.net

Guest Sign-In Sheet

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