

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Minutes
Wednesday January 9, 2019
Moffat County Pavilion
640 East 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 6:05.
- 2. Introduction of Members and Audience:** Jackie Brown introduced the Roundtables newest members Shawn Welder, Deirdre Macnab, Brian Hodge and Ken Brenner. Members and Audience introduced themselves. See attached sign in sheet.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Alden Vanden Brink motioned to approve the draft agenda as presented, Steve Hinkemeyer seconded, the motion passed.
- 4. Review and Approval of November 14, 2018 Minutes:** Jackie Brown noted that some minor grammatical changes had been made to the November draft minutes and sign in sheet. Doug Monger motioned to approve the draft minutes as changed, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report CWCBC, BRT Voting: Craig Godbout** Craig Godbout reported that \$40,000 was added to each Basin account, and \$640,000 was added to the Statewide account. These numbers bring the Basin balance to \$960,976 and the Statewide balance to \$1,633,963. These funds came from the CWCBC's Construction fund "Projects Bill".
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.
- 7. Parliamentary Nomination** After the November meeting Jackie Brown asked Roundtable members for suggestions and thoughts regarding 2019 BRT meetings. Jeff Meyers responded with suggestions that led to a small meeting. Changes that were suggested to be tried moving forward are as follows: the addition of name plates that will also help signify when a member would like to speak, Roberts Rules printed and placed on each table, allowing members of the public to line up at the podium to speak during public comment and under each agenda item (if time allows), the inclusion of a parliamentarian to help keep track of time and help the group stay in line with the bylaws, and limiting presentations to three slides to allow time for meaningful discussion. Jackie asked for Parliamentary volunteers, Kelly Romero-Heaney was the only interested party. Deirdre Macnab nominated Kelly as the Parliamentary, Mike Camblin seconded, the nomination was unanimous. The members agreed to add the parliamentarian position as a voluntary position for the time being, and not add the position to the bylaws.

8. Proclamation Jackie Brown presented proclamations for both Jeff Devere and Geoff Blakeslee, in honor of the significant amount of time and work they have both dedicated to the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable. Jackie suggested that every January meeting be the Geoff and Jeff appreciation meeting. Chuck Grobe motioned to dedicate January meetings in their honor, Mike Camblin seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Doug Monger thanked Geoff for all of his hard work over the years. Doug believes the reason this Roundtable is at the forefront in considering the environment is largely due to Geoff's efforts.

9. IBCC Appointment: Currently Tom Gray is the only IBCC appointment as the Roundtable recently lost Kevin McBride. Jackie Brown and Doug Monger have been acting as alternates. The Roundtable could appoint another IBCC representative or continue on with using alternates to fill in as needed. Doug, Jackie, Alden Vanden Brink and Jeff Meyers have volunteered to act as alternates to represent the Roundtable. Ken Brenner motioned to use these alternates moving forward to represent the BRT at IBCC meetings, Steve Hinkemeyer seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Doug will give the CWCB the names of the alternative representatives.

10. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees

- a. Big River Issues Committee: Jeff Meyers and Doug Monger updated the Roundtable. This Committee will research River issues that could potentially affect the Basin. They will then make the Roundtable aware of the issue and educate them on the matter. This will help the Roundtable make fully informed decisions on Big River issues. If actions need to be taken in-between meetings this committee could also tackle those big issues. Jeff Comstock asked if these topics would largely be policy issues? They will be. The Committee is going to have a standing meeting time of 3:45-5:00 before every Roundtable meeting. They will try to meet prior to the February IBCC meeting.
- b. PEPO Committee: Kelly Romero-Heaney reminded members that the PEPO Committee meetings are held before every Basin Roundtable meeting. Community Ag Alliance is working on radio ads. PEPO is also working on pulling together five 90 second videos, to highlight the YWG Basin that will go on the Yampa White Green website. Anyone with ideas or wanting to participate should contact Kelly or Patrick. Upcoming events to remember are the Meeker Expo on January 17th and State of the River on April 2nd in Craig and April 3rd in Steamboat. If there are any events that PEPO is not involved in, but should be, they ask that members please contact Kelly or Patrick.
- c. Grant Committee: Steve Hinkemeyer gave a brief [presentation](#) on the current status of grants. Steve recommended reallocation of grant funds, if the IWMP was approved later in the meeting. Steve addressed the BRT regarding potential grant projects that do not currently have water rights. Last spring Forrest Nelsons grant application was approved, when he did not have the necessary water right for part of the project. The approval of that grant was contingent on Forrest obtaining the appropriate water right. A situation like this leaves the approved funds in limbo until the situation is resolved,

which could potentially take years. Likewise, the Grant Committee has passed a small grant through the first grant reading and are awaiting bringing the applicant to the BRT for final approval until the applicant obtains a conditional water right. The question Steve posed to the Roundtable is whether or not they want to hear grants that do not have water rights. The YWG does not currently require a water right, but the CWCB does. Ken Brenner motioned to amend the YWG process to follow the same requirements and guidelines as the CWCB for construction projects. Kent Vertrees seconded, after deliberation the motion passed with two votes in opposition. Steve, with the help of Jay Gallagher and Craig Godbout, also spoke to Roundtable members on “conflict of interest,” a topic that was brought up during the November meeting. The current bylaws do not contain conflict of interest language in regards to voting on the grants, the question was posed as to whether or not members would like to add such language. Craig explained ways that other Basin Roundtables remedy this problem. One example is when Roundtable members are involved in a Grant application they try and distance themselves from the grant, so that they do not sway other Roundtable members. Instead other members of the applying organization would give the presentation not the Roundtable member. Jackie Brown pointed out that this problem could be fixed under Section 2 of the Code of Ethics, in the current bylaws which refers to C.R.S. § 24-18-101 by a slight change to include 101-105. Doug Monger motioned to table the discussion of conflict of interest language changes to the Bylaws, until the language could be looked at. Alden Vanden Brink seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Division 6 Water Resources: Erin Light stated that her office is currently short-handed they have two job openings and one more coming open soon. With an additional employee out on maternity leave. Their office will be sending out notices to install measuring devices and giving people the opportunity to install devices until the end of July. Orders to install a device will likely be sent out in the fall. Erin pointed out that if a ditch fails to comply for a 10-year period it is considered intent to abandon. Erin reminded the Roundtable that a call does not have to be placed for a Basin to be considered over appropriated, and reiterated the importance of water users maintaining records.

11. New Business:

- a. SWSI & BIP updates: Greg Johnson and Russell Sands [presented](#) a technical update on the Colorado Water Plan. Doug Monger asked if this SWSI will produce something Roundtables can use and expressed his concern with working groups being comprised of like-minded individuals and the potential of this creating a silo effect, a concern Doug has had from the beginning. Greg acknowledged Doug’s concern and stated they have heard this in other Basins. However, they are not concerned due to this being a scientific study that is working to only collect scientific data. There are places on their site for individuals to express concerns and they are hoping working groups will garnish a lot of feedback. Usable data will be made available to Roundtables and there are plans to help facilitate the implementations of BIPs moving forward. They are still working out specifics regarding how funding will be funneled down to the Roundtables. In many ways this Basin Roundtable is already steps ahead of the

process. The modeling is not currently connected to the DCP. Models that are being used are Basin specific and not interlinked. They will look at trans mountain diversion, but will not show the link between Basins. There will be a statewide Basin Roundtable summit on September 25th and 26th in Winter Park, where Roundtables and CWCB staff will discuss integration, Water Plan technical analysis and Basin Implementation planning.

12. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:

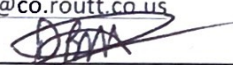

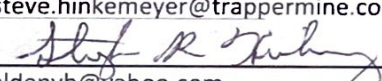
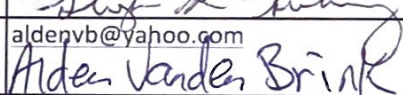

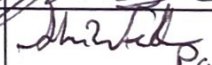
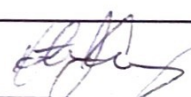
- a. LOS for Maybell Ditch project: On behalf of the Nature conservancy and the Maybell Ditch Geoff Blakeslee requested two letters of support for grants they will be applying for in February and March. They are looking at replacing the current diversion dam. This funding will help them create a plan for new infrastructure that explores the possibilities of installing a natural diversion that is boat, raft, fish and ag friendly. Mike Camblin stated that they would like to model it after diversions that have been done on the Little Snake River in Wyoming. Kent Vertrees expressed his support and appreciation for this project and the leadership put forth by Mike and Geoff. Deirdre Macnab motioned to approve the letter of support, Chuck Grobe seconded, Mike Camblin abstained, motion passed with no opposition.
- b. IWMP Nicole Seltzer gave a [presentation](#) that covered the Integrated Water Management Plans scope of work and next steps. Members of this committee have been very involved and participated in meetings over the last year. Nicole recommended approving the [committee membership list](#), to create a formal IWMP Advisory Committee. Moving forward the committee will meet monthly between now and July and work under the directive of the Roundtable. Jeff Meyers motioned to approve the presented Advisory Committee with the addition of Jeff Comstock as Tom Gray's alternate, a TBD alternate for Kent Vertrees, Bill Badaracca and Lyn Halliday. Deirdre Macnab seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Hunter Causey with the River District stated that staff will recommend the River District acts as the fiscal agent for this project, at the next River District meeting. The grant request tonight is asking for \$126,750 in matching funds for their Colorado Watershed Restoration Program grant. Alden Vanden Brink asked if the 10% administrative fee is included in the grant request? The current request reflects a 4% fee, as this was the fee that the River District charged the Roundtable as the fiscal agent on their last project. River District Board members explained that the River District recently formalized charging a 10% fee on all projects that they fiscally sponsor. The 6% change in an administration fee will require budget reshuffling. Alden Vanden Brink motioned to approve the WSRF match for the IWMP at \$154,750 an adjusted amount that reflects the additional 6% administration fee that the River District will charge, contingent on the River Districts approval to become the IWMP's fiscal agent at their next meeting. Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed with one member in opposition. Steve Hinkemeyer explained earlier in the meeting that the 2019 Grant cycle allowed \$50,000 for funding Roundtable projects. Steve motioned that the remaining funds needed to cover the IWMP ask, be reallocated from the large grant cycle funds, leaving the large grant cycle with \$92,826. Doug Monger seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Announcements:

- a. BRT Summit Sep 25-26 in Grand Lake. Jackie Brown stated that with the large amount of new Roundtable members a Roundtable workshop was being discussed. The West Slope Basin Roundtable meeting will be held on the 1st or 2nd of May in Grand Junction. The Roundtable is also working on putting together remote locations for the Basin Roundtable meetings.

14. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Next Meeting March 13, 2019 at 6:00p.m.

15. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Membership of the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable 2019		Name	Term Exp.	Jan, 9	Mar, 13	May, 8	Jul, 10	Sep, 11	Nov, 13	Signature/email
1	Routt County Commissioners Appointment:	Doug Monger	2023	X						dmonger@co.routt.co.us 
2	Moffat County Commissioners Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2019)	Tom Gray	2023							trgray7@gmail.com
3	Rio Blanco County Commissioners Appointment:	Si Woodruff	2023	X						si.woodruff@rbc.us 
4	Garfield County Commissioners Appointment: (Vacant Never filled)									
5	Routt County Municipality Appointment:	Kelly Romero-Heaney	2023	X						kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2023	X						steve.hinkemeyer@trappermine.com 
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2019	X						aldervb@yahoo.com 
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Ken Brenner	2023	X						kpbrennersteamboat@gmail.com
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)	Mike Camblin	2023	X						mcamblin@camblining.com 
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment	Vacant Welder Shawn	2023	X						 PACKT@PECMN.NET
11	Pothook Water Conservancy District Appointment:	J Sheehan	2023							gsheehan7321@gmail.com
12	Rio Blanco Conservancy District	Tim Winkler	2020							timwinkler7272@gmail.com
13	Colorado River Water Conservation District Appointment:	Hunter Causey	2023	X						hcausey@crwcd.org 

14	House/Senate Appointment:		2023								
	At-large Appointments from above members			Jan, 9	Mar, 13	May, 8	Jul, 10	Sep, 11	Nov, 13	Signature/email	
15	Environmental Appointment:	Brian Hodge	2023	✓						Brian.Hodge@tu.org <i>Brian Hodge</i>	
16	Agricultural Appointment:	Will Myers	2023							will@headwaterengineering.com	
17	Recreation:	Kent Vertrees	2022	X						kent@friendsoftheyampa.com <i>Kent Vertrees</i>	
18	Domestic Water Provider:	Frank Alfone	2022	X						falfone@mwwater.com <i>Frank Alfone</i>	
19	Industrial Water Interest:	Rich Thompson	2022	X						rthompson@tristategt.org <i>Rich Thompson</i>	
20	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Meyers	2022	X						coyotecreek@comcast.net <i>Jeff Meyers</i>	
21	At-Large Representative: (Chair through 2019)	Jackie Brown	2022	X						jbrown@tristategt.org <i>Jackie Brown</i>	
22	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Comstock	2022	X						jcomstock@moffatcounty.net <i>Jeff Comstock</i>	
23	At-Large Representative:	Burt Clements	2022							burtclements@gmail.com	
24	At-Large Representative:	Chuck Whiteman	2021	X						cwa@rioblanco.com <i>Chuck Whiteman</i>	
25	At-Large Representative:	Deirdre Macnab	2021	✓						didimacnab@earthlink.net <i>Deirdre Macnab</i>	
26	At-Large Representative:	Chuck G. Grobe	2021	X						cgrobe@moffatcounty.net <i>Chuck Grobe</i>	
27	At-Large Representative:	Travis Day	2021	X						wpss1999@gmail.com <i>Travis Day</i>	

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									twrightdickinson@vermillionranchlp.com
31	Non Voting that live outside the Basin that hold water rights in the Basin		2021									
32	Non Voting that live outside the Basin that hold water rights in the Basin		2021									
33	Non Voting that live outside the Basin that hold water rights in the Basin		2021									
34	Non-Voting Colorado Water Conservation Board Representative	Jay Gallagher	no term	✓								jaygalla@comcast.net

Guest Sign-In Sheet

Name	Affiliation
Patrick Storko	CAA
Reed Kelley	Rio Blanco Herald Times
Geoff Blakeslee	TNC
Nicole Seltzer	River Network
Russ Sands	CWCB
Greg Johnson	CWCB
ERIN LIGHT	C DWR
David Graf	CPW
Kevin McBride	UYWCD
Nick Crossman	Interested citizen
Doug Davis	Student
Lauren Blair	Aspen Journalism
NICK CHARCHALIS	Colorado First Conservation Dist.
Kaitlyn Vaux	TU/NRCS
Kendall Smith	NRCS
Clinton Whitten	NRCS
RAY BECK	Moffat County Commissioner
Matthew Mendisco	Town of Hayden Ranch
Bill Mitzelfeld	Two Hawks Water Rights Center
Kelly Beal / Cyrus Kezar	TS&T

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