

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Minutes
Wednesday April 10, 2019
Moffat County Pavilion
640 East Victory Way Craig, CO 81625
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Jackie Brown.
- 2. Introduction of Members and Audience:** All members and guests introduced themselves. See the attached sign-in. Kelly Romero-Heaney congratulated Jackie Brown on becoming the YWG CWCB Representative, and thanked Jay Gallagher for his 6 years of service in this position.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Kelly Romero-Heaney motioned to approve the April Agenda, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed.
- 4. Review and Approval of January 9, 2019 Minutes:** Doug Monger made a motion to approve the January Draft Minutes, Chuck Grobe seconded, the motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report CWCB:** Craig Godbout reported that as of April 1st the YWG Basin balance is \$744,028 and the State balance is \$1,217,736.
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.
- 7. New Business:**
 - a. **Demand Management Update:** Brent Newman gave a [presentation](#) on Demand Management that covered the current status of Drought Contingency Planning (DCP), the background of Demand Management, and Intrastate Demand Management Feasibility Investigations. It is important to note that the investigations to reduce use through demand management, are focusing on voluntary, temporary, compensated ways to do so. They will be holding regional workshops and creating workgroups, Roundtables will get the opportunity to review the workgroups process. Mike Camblin expressed his concern that buy and dry programs could cost Ag producers money. Brent explained that this is one of the issues workgroups will be discussing, they will not do something that negatively affects Colorado's Agriculture production. Brent encourages anyone with concerns or questions to reach out to him.
 - b. **Risk Study Presentation:** Taylor Adams gave the [Risk Study Presentation](#). Taylor went over the history of the Colorado Risk Study. [Phase I and II](#) were completed in 2016 and 2018. Phase III is currently in process. Taylor reviewed the [Phase III Scope of Work](#). The presentation also touched on simulation of calls at different priority dates, future steps and demands and compared CRSS to State Mod depletions. State Mod is believed to be

more accurate. The presentation included examples for this basin, future uses for the basin were identified through conversations with Roundtable representatives. Once the results from this study are received the Roundtable will have an opportunity to understand what the risks really are to the Yampa and the Green. The members discussed the possibility of hiring Wilson Water to break down how each scenario affects the basin.

- c. **Green River update:** Was canceled.

8. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees

- a. **Big River Committee:** The Committee met on February 21st and again today, prior to the Roundtable meeting. They will be meeting again on a conference call scheduled for April 29th to discuss the [White Paper](#). They will compile unified talking points and bring them back to the Roundtable for discussion in May.
- b. **Inter Basin Compact Committee (IBCC) Updates & Appointment:** Tom Gray briefed the Roundtable on the February 28th IBCC meeting. They discussed Demand Management and rehashed the purpose of IBCC. Their next meeting will be held sometime in the fall. Jeff Meyer has stepped up and volunteered to fill Jeff Devere's term as IBCC Rep, which ends in November 2019. Doug Monger moved to appoint Jeff Meyer as the Roundtable IBCC Rep, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Jeff thanked the group and stated that he will "humbly attempt to follow in giant footsteps". Jackie Brown reminded Roundtable members that IBCC meetings are open to the public. They are typically on the Front Range, but PEPO has funds that can help members attend meetings like this.
- c. **PEPO Committee:** Patrick Stanko briefly updated the Roundtable on the six 90 second video series that PEPO is working on. The videos will focus on Water Storage, Agriculture uses, Non-Consumptive uses, Municipal/Industrial, The River's Hydrograph and the White River. There will be a meeting on April 17th to discuss the State Water Education Plan, if Roundtable Members have ideas or concerns on what should be in that plan let Patrick know. PEPO will be doing another radio series this summer. State of the River was April 2nd and 3rd. There will be a Colorado Cattlemen's Ag Water NetWORK Watershed and Stream Management Plan Training for Agriculture producers May 6th in Hayden. In May PEPO will be going over the Yampatika scope on the education work they are doing. The survey Yampatika completed will be made available to Roundtable members. Eventually this project will need additional funding. Jackie reminded members of the John McConnell Math and Science Center Water Exhibit, that the Roundtable helped fund. When it was funded the Roundtable expressed their desire to come up with funds to help children in this Basin experience the exhibit.
- d. **SWSI & BIP Updates:** Craig Godbout told members that funding for the next round of water plans is working its way through legislature. They will be holding webinars to

discuss SWSI methodology. Craig will send more information out to Roundtable members.

- e. **Division 6 Water Resources:** Erin Light introduced her newest water commissioner. Erin is working with the State of Wyoming to update an administration schedule for the Little Snake, and to develop a MOU. Erin's office will be upgrading their list for field inspections and everything they consider worth reviewing will be inspected this summer. Over appropriation analysis will be completed in May. The State Engineer has decided that pre-compact water rights will not be reviewed. Erin's office recently sent water users a notice to install measuring devices and headgates by July 31st. If these are not in place by the deadline, DWR will begin issuing orders. Tom Gray asked if users could install devices on a temporary basis, so that they would not have to go to the expense of running the device all year? Erin stated that her preference would be to have the meter in all the time.
- f. **Grant Committee Update:** Steve Hinkemeyer announced that the 2020 schedule for grants is out on the website. The Committee would like to have a grant meeting in May to review the first cycle. The Roundtable does not currently have enough in the large grant funds to cover both the Walker Ditch Headgate Replacement, and the Maybell Ditch Headgate Project, unless \$42,396 is reallocated from the small grant fund to the large grant fund. Steve shared a [presentation](#) that outlined the financial status of the 2019 Grant Cycle. If the Roundtable approves both projects, Steve will ask for the reallocation to be approved leaving the Roundtable with \$142.00 in small grant funding. The Committee had a Grant Meeting in February to hear the 1st reading for grant requests, the matrix results and scores are in your packet along with questions and answers. The 2019 Grant Cycle is officially closed.

9. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:

- a. **Walker Ditch Grant Application:** Doug Monger and Matthew Mendisco [presented](#) the [grant application](#). This project will replace a major diversion headgate and flood control structure serving the Walker Ditch located on the Yampa River three miles east of Hayden. The headgate collapsed in the spring of 2016. Since then measurement and control has continued with a reconstructed 1890 headgate, and temporary gravel structures. This gives very little control of spring run-off, and leaves the potential of flood damage. Current and anticipated future operation continues to include a spill channel for flood and un-diverted water, to go back to the river. This Ditch has multiple uses. In addition to Ag irrigation, it provides water for town parks, schools, ball fields, and the towns cemetery. Doug stated that the Division of Water Resources was consulted while pulling this project together, and that feedback was incorporated into this plan. The current measuring device was also checked and okayed for continued use by the Division of Water. This project is asking for \$62,222 in Basin funds and will be contributing a

\$20,741 match, for a total estimated project cost of \$82,963. Any additional or unforeseen costs will be paid for by the Ditch and its shareholders. This is a bricks and mortar Multi use project. Doug Monger and Will Meyer recused themselves and left the room. Deirdre Macnab motioned to approve the grant request, Si Woodruff seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.


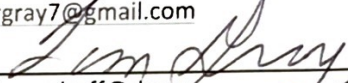


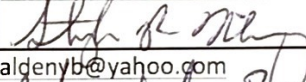


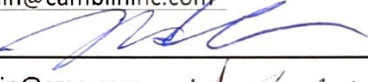

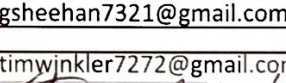
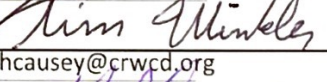

- b. **Maybell Ditch Application:** Mike Camblin gave TNC's [presentation](#) for this [grant application](#) as Geoff Blakeslee could not attend the meeting. Mike conveyed his appreciation for TNC's help with this project. The ditch itself is 13 miles long and spans 18 miles of river from the point of the diversion to the point where tailwater enters back into the river. There is concern for the amount of tail water that goes back into the river, due to lack of headgate control. This grant application is looking to secure funding to complete engineering and design work to improve the diversion structure and replace the headgate. A modern automated headgate with radio operational capabilities would allow the ditch to better control the volume of water diverted from the Yampa, reduce boater safety issues, and increase fish passage for native fish. It is also hoped that this project could help the Division of Water Resources shepherd releases from Elk Head past the Maybell Diversion with greater ease. The grant request was originally for \$75,000 but the Grant Committee asked TNC to lower the request. The grant request is now for \$73,000 with \$300,000 in matching funds. After the 1st grant reading the Maybell Ditch decided to contribute \$10,000 to the project, in addition to their in-kind work. TNC has hired Ranch Advisory Partners to help facilitate the project. Mike Camblin recused himself. Alden Vanden Brink motioned to approve the grant request, Brian Hodge seconded Doug Monger abstained, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Grant Fund Reallocation:** Steve Hinkemeyer asked that the Roundtable reallocate the before mentioned \$42,396 in small grant funds to the large grant funds. Frank Alfone motioned to approve this request, Deirdre Macnab second, the motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Bylaws Conflict of Interest Language:** The current Bylaw conflict of interest language reads "Roundtable Members, officers and staff shall comply with the Colorado Code of Ethics law which is codified at C.R.S. § 24-18-101 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time." It is suggested that "C.R.S. § 24-18-101 et seq." be changed to "C.R.S. § 24-18-101 through C.R.S. § 24-18-105 et seq." Jackie Brown asked that members read through each statute listed, they are all in the meeting packet. Deirdre Macnab motioned to approve the suggested change to the Bylaws, Chuck Grobe seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- e. **IWMP Subcommittee Actions:** Frank Alfone gave an IWMP update [presentation](#). The IWMP Committee is requesting that the Roundtable approve the [IWMP Charter](#). The next two IWMP Committee meetings are April 18th and May 9th. Deirdre Macnab motioned to approve the Charter as written, Alden Vanden Brink seconded, the motion

passed unanimously. Alden noted the great representative work the Yampa members are doing for their river.

10. Announcements: 4 West Slope BRT Meeting at Ute Water, scheduled for May 2nd has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a TBD date in June.

11. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: The next meeting date is May 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Membership of the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable 2019		Name	Term Exp.	Jan, 9	Apr, 10	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	X					 si.woodruff@rbc.us
4	Garfield County Commissioners Appointment: (Vaccant Never filled)									
5	Routt County Municipality Appointment:	Kelly Romero-Heaney	2023	X	X					 kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2023	X	X					 steve.hinkemeyer@trappermine.com
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2019	X						 aldenvb@yahoo.com
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Ken Brenner	2023	X	X					 kpbrennersteamboat@gmail.com
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)	Mike Camblin	2023	X	X					 mcamblin@camblininc.com
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment	Shawn Welder	2023	X						 packtrip@cmn.com
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	X					 hcausey@crwcd.org

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

28	At-Large Representative:	Bill Badaracca	2021	X	X							fairsquareoffice@gmail.com
29	At-Large Representative:	Vince Wilczek	2021	X	X							vwilczek@orangelyco.gov brotywilczek@gmail.com
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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	Jackie Brown	no term	X	X							jbrown@tristategt.org

So, I am still the
 At-Large Rep. I
 hold both positions
 but am not giving
 up my voting. There
 is precedence for this.
 e.g. Geoff Blakelee

Guest Sign-In Sheet

Name	Affiliation
Claire Sollars	Claire@ColoradoWaterMatters.com
ERIN LEAH	ERIN.LEAH@STATE.CO.US
Lisa Baldwin	Dinosaur National Monument
Douglas Davis	Student
Matthew Mendisco	TOIT
Callie Henderson	White River Pinyon Pine Creek Cone Dist.
Step Gallagher	Road to Bend
Cody M. Perry	Road to Flip - Friends of the Yampa.
James A. Mathison	Dept Natural Res/Div Water Resources
Tyler McWilliams	E-Dell Dist - 44
Joelann Miller	Town of Rangely
Donald C Reed	Town of Rangely
Billy Mitzefeld	Basin Water Rights Holder
Dan Graft	CPW
Taylor Adams	Hydros Consulting
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