

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Minutes
Wednesday May 8, 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 6:00 p.m. by Jackie Brown.
- 2. Introduction of Members and Audience:** All members and guests introduced themselves. See the attached sing-in.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** The agenda could not be approved as there was not a quorum.
- 4. Review and Approval of April 10, 2019 Minutes:** The April 10th minutes could not be approved as there was not a quorum.
- 5. Budget Report CWCB:** The Basin balance is \$744,028 the Statewide account balance is \$1,217,736. These balances do not include grants going before the CWCB Board for approval.
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.

7. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees

- a. Big River Committee: Doug Monger gave the update. The Committee is discussing Drought Contingency Planning. The Committee will come up with objectives that represent the YWG interests. The Committee reviewed a draft from John Carron for the Phase 3 Risk Study, and discussed working on a unified position regarding the study.
- b. PEPO Committee: Kelly Romero-Heaney reviewed the Yampatika presentation given to the Committee regarding their water education programs. Yampatika was hired to scope a Basin wide education program for the Yampa. The project will likely come back to a future meeting with a grant request to fund implementation of the program over a three-year time period. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Kelly or Patrick Stanko. Patrick announced a change in radio ads for the coming season. They will be creating new ads in addition to the ads that were ran last year. The State PEPO Committee met to develop the State education plan, which is still in progress. PEPO is also working to develop an orientation training for new Roundtable members.
- c. IWMP Committee: Project manager, Nicole Seltzer gave an update on monthly IWMP Committee meetings. The project is undergoing the contracting process with the CWCB. A website landing page for the IWMP project now exists on the Roundtables website. The Charter was approved at the last Roundtable meeting. RFP's and scopes of work for consultants are currently being created. The next Committee meeting is May 9th 1:00 - 4:00pm at the Carpenter Ranch. The Segment Coordinator jobs have been posted on the website and announced via CAA and newspaper listings. Roundtable members were asked to help spread the word.
- d. Grant Committee: Steve Hinkemeyer gave a [presentation](#) on the grants process. The Roundtable allocated 400,000 for grant funds in 2019 \$50,000 for Roundtable projects, \$50,000 for Small Grants and \$300,000 for Large Grants. Due to the grant applications that were received, those categories were reallocated and final spending was

as follows: \$154,750 in Roundtable projects, \$7,462 in small grants (pending final RT approval), and \$237,646 in Large Grants. All but \$142 of the \$400,000 2019 Grant Cycle was spent. Steve then gave a brief update on current open projects, this information can be found in his presentation. The Roundtables Grant guidelines states that grant funding for the 2020 cycle will be allocated at the September Roundtable meeting. The Grant Committee will come with a funding recommendation at that time. Applicants from this Basin have not applied for State WSRF funds since the Crosho Lake project, moving forward the Committee will discuss ways to encourage State funding. The Grant Committee will be meeting prior to their grants meeting in October, to recap the 2019 process and make changes if needed. This meeting is TBD. Steve encouraged Roundtable members to look at the project's spreadsheet and project map, both located on the Roundtable website. A final presentation on Crosho Lake is to be expected later in 2019.

- e. Division 6 Water Resources: Division Engineer Erin Light updated Roundtable members. Erin is working on an MOU for Potcreek. Erin is also working with the State of Wyoming on an MOU for Battle Creek. The evaluation on the over appropriated status of the Yampa will be completed by the end of May. Erin's office has had a lot of phone calls regarding the notices that went out. Some people didn't know they had a water right, some are inquiring what they need to install. As far as actual measuring devices the State of Colorado recommends and prefers partial flumes. New A flumes are not their favorite. Erin explained that it is very difficult to tell if they are submerged and they will crush under a snow load, but they are a better flume for a flat ditch. Jim is the DWRs best contact for meters. Erin has three documents that contain information on flume installations, she is going to have a water commissioner combine them so that they can be shared. Members asked Erin what an over appropriated status would look like for the Yampa? Well permitting is the only thing that it would affect. If a landowner has less than 35 acres, they would only be able to get a house use permit, she recommended that people read the letter her office drafted for Routt County planning as it goes over appropriation. Erin was asked how a user could be required to use a measuring device when the rivers in Colorado are designated as free rivers. Erin explained that even under a free river a measuring device is required when it is ordered, she explained that other basins require measuring devices. Their office will also be pursuing measuring devices on the White River as 67% of its users do not have measuring devices.

8. New Business:

- a. 2019 Request for Water Process [Presentation](#) by Andy Schultheiss: The Water trust was founded roughly 20 years ago. The Water Trust is similar to a land trust. They have developed a process for bringing acquisition offers to the Water Trust. They ask for offers, evaluate the offers and do a free confidential analysis of the water rights. Price is based off of need and demand in the area. Andy explained that buying water for storage is not simple, it must have destination and purpose. It's not always possible because water is not always available, transferable, or usable in the way that it is desired to be used. The Water Trust looks for water rights that could be used temporarily during low flow years. They are planning on visiting with the Basin at least once a year. For more information visit Coloradowatertrust.org


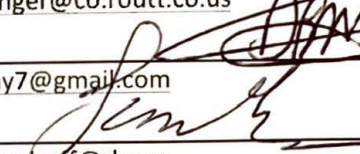
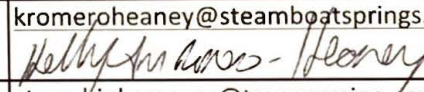
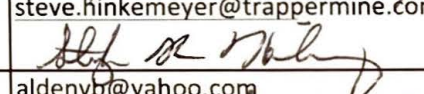
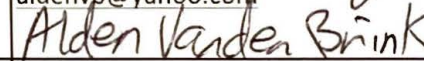


- b. White River Alliance update Shawn Welder [Presented](#): Over the last several years people around Meeker have come together in a bottoms up approach to care for the White River. Chuck Whiteman has plotted out the White River so that they can begin to identify reaches they want to work on. This group hopes to be a medium for education, and align with existing entities that are involved in River issues.
- c. White Paper Discussion: (30 min) The “White Paper” will be discussed at a future meeting.
- d. Friends of the Yampa Summit Update: (5 min) Cody Perry discussed the upcoming Yampa River Festival, registration is free information can be found on their website friendsoftheyampa.com. The hope is to pair high quality research with local expertise and have an elevated informed authentic discussion.
- e. Yampa Fund Update: (5 min) Kelly Romero-Heaney gave the update, she is working with TNC to help fund certain projects that provide an environmental benefit to the river, and other benefits as well. The Group is working on designing the guiding documents for the Water Fund. They are hoping it will be finalized and launch in September. The Water Fund will be set up like an endowment fund. Restoration flows, river forest restoration projects and Ag infrastructure are great examples of types of projects it will support.
- f. Cattleman’s Update: (5 min) Jeff Meyer facilitated the recent Cattleman’s forum. Jeff pointed out the importance of conversations that were had. Many ranchers express anxiety about growth on the east slope, but the experts talk about the Colorado Compact and that the real risk is west of here. Those were important discussions for ranchers to have, as well as discussions on stock water and measuring device requirements. All agreed it was time well spent.
- g. Yampa River Leafy Spurge: Tamara Naumann gave a [presentation](#) on the progress of the Leafy Spurge project funded by the Roundtable last summer. The project has 3 tasks associated with it, two of which are research heavy. They are trying to find best management practices. This project is proceeding well and has attracted interest from landowners who would like to help. The CSU extension offices in both Routt and Moffat Counties are very involved with Education and Outreach. After this round of research concludes, the next step will be able to include biological control. Jeff Comstock noted that when the project first came to the Roundtable it was control based and after Roundtable feedback and the changes that ensued the project became more research focused and he is very supportive of it.
- h. Green River Video: (10 min) Cody Perry with [Rig to Flip](#) is working on the PEPO videos for the Roundtable. Cody shared [“The Salad Days Teaser”](#) with the Roundtable.
- i. Yampa Leases to Endangered Fish Recovery Program: Jojo La serves as the CWCB Endangered Species policy specialist. Jojo gave a [presentation](#) that went over the 2 Lease options she has been working on for this Basin, as a result of last year’s dry year. When, where and the location of releases would be determined by the CWCB. At this point they are analyzing the options. The major takeaway of this presentation is that the funds have been secured for the future, if it is needed. The Roundtable discussed their desire to hear from Dan Gibbs for a severance tax update, Jackie will invite him to the July meeting. Deirdre Macnab asked if the Roundtable could be given a legislative session wrap up, this is not something the Roundtable has done in the past but they discussed the possibility of getting the information from the River District. The desire

isn't to have members take a pro or con stance, but to simply stay informed. Jackie will reach out to Chris Treese and Zane Kessler and request an update at the July meeting.

9. Announcements: June 20th West Slope 4 Basin Roundtable meeting in Grand Junction at Ute Water. State of the White River on May 28th during the Community Networking meeting in Rangely, more information will be sent out to the Roundtable. Yampa River Festival in Steamboat Springs May 30th – June 2nd.

10. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Next Meeting July 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment: The meeting ended 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	X					dmonger@co.routt.co.us 
2	Moffat County Commissioners Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2019)	Tom Gray	2023		X					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	X				kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net 
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2023	X	X	X				steve.hinkemeyer@trappermine.com 
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2019	X	X					aldenvb@yahoo.com 
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Ken Brenner	2023	X	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	X	X				packtrip@cmn.com 
11	Pothook Water Conservancy District Appointment:	J Sheehan	2023		X					gsheehan7321@gmail.com
12	Rio Blanco Conservancy District	Tim Winkler	2020		X					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	X				Brian.Hodge@tu.org <i>Brian Hodge</i>	
16	Agricultural Appointment:	Will Myers	2023		X					will@headwaterengineering.com	
17	Recreation:	Kent Vertrees	2022	X	X					kent@friendsoftheyampa.com	
18	Domestic Water Provider:	Frank Alfone	2022	X	X					falfone@mwwater.com	
19	Industrial Water Interest:	Rich Thompson	2022	X	X					rthompson@tristategt.org	
20	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Meyers	2022	X	X	X				coyotecreek@comcast.net <i>Jeff Meyers</i>	
21	At-Large Representative:	Jackie Brown	2022	X	X	X				jbrown@tristategt.org <i>Jackie Brown</i>	
22	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Comstock	2022	X	X					jcomstock@moffatcounty.net	
23	At-Large Representative:	Burt Clements	2022							burtclements@gmail.com	
24	At-Large Representative:	Chuck Whiteman	2021	X	X					cwa@rioblanco.com	
25	At-Large Representative:	Deirdre Macnab	2021	X	X	✓				didimacnab@earthlink.net <i>Deirdre Macnab</i>	
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							fairsquareoffice@gmail.com
29	At-Large Representative:	Vince Wilczek	2021	X	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									
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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

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