

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Holiday Inn Express
Montrose, Colorado
July 15, 2019**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Steve Anderson	Industrial
Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Kathleen Curry	Saguache County
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Jay Jutten	Montrose County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Frank Kugel	At-Large Member
Dixie Luke	At-Large Member
John McCLOW	House and Senate Ag Committees
Dan Murphy	Hinsdale Municipalities
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Scott Murphy	Montrose Municipalities
Julie Nania	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Ron Shaver	At-Large Member
Steve Shea	Agricultural
Bill Trampe	Colorado River Water Conservation District
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County

Voting Members Absent:

Patrice Alonzo	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Ray Hanson	Delta Municipalities
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
John Justman	Mesa County
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Craig Godbout (CWCB), Dave Kanzer (CRD Liaison), Bob Hurford (DWR Liaison).

Public:

Russell George (IBCC), Tony LaGreca (Colorado Water Trust), Hannah Holm (Hutchins Water Center @ CMU), Steve Anders (USGS), Michael Dale (NPS), Jason Ullmann (Division of Water Resources), Kendall Cramer (City of Montrose), Hank LeValley (Crawford Water Conservation District), Jim

Plumhoff (UVWUA), Kathleen Margetts (substitute Assistant Recorder for Sharon Dunning).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Curry.

Roll Call/Introductions

After roll call it was declared a quorum was present.

Kathleen Curry introduced Julie Nania who has been named the new representative for the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. Julie is the Water Program Director for the High Country Conservation Advocacy.

Other changes are Greg Peterson has resigned as the Saguache County representative, and the Saguache County Commissioners have appointed Kathleen Curry to represent them.

Approve Agenda

A student from CSU contacted Kathleen Curry for a project called Water Legacy and is looking for water plan grant application support from all the roundtables. She was unable to attend, and did not draft a letter. She sent a flyer that was distributed. Whoever makes a motion on the agenda can add it as an action item or not.

For Item #5 Dave Kanzer will be giving the presentation on the Risk Study.

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of item #9a, a discussion on a letter of recommendation for the Water Legacy research project. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Approve May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Frank Kugel proposed an edit to the top of page 2, a name misspelling.

Frank Kugel moved to approve the May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes as modified. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from the CWCB Representative – Steve Anderson and Craig Godbout

Steve Anderson said there has not been a CWCB meeting since the last Roundtable meeting. The next meeting will be this week in Leadville. The second day will be a joint meeting with the IBCC.

Steve said at the last meeting Tom Alvey asked about the water plan grant criteria. Does the CWCB award grants based on value of projects or do they make an effort to spread the money around basin to basin? The answer is both. Ninety-six percent of the counties in Colorado have received funds for projects. The Gunnison Basin has received \$6.3M, which is a little over 10%

of the total awards. He reviewed the policy which favors projects with multiple benefits and projects that were included in the BIPs. Tom said the bottom line is we need to bring good projects forward.

Kathleen Curry asked if the demand management work groups are moving forward. Steve said there was a webinar today, which was a kickoff for training for the workgroups. The next thing will be during one of the days at the Colorado Water Congress.

Craig Godbout reported the basin account balance is \$279,738 and the statewide account balance is \$1,314,579. There should be approximately \$160,000 added to the basin account soon.

Phase 3 Risk Study Presentation and Discussion – Dave Kanzer, Colorado River Water Conservation District

Kathleen Curry said this is the same presentation heard at the 4-basin roundtable meeting. There are more slides which are more basin-specific but she hasn't seen those.

Dave Kanzer gave the Phase 3 Risk Study presentation in place of John Currier. Dave said the presentation has been tailored to the Gunnison Basin and John Carron is the author of the presentation. The presentation discusses drought contingency plans and how hopefully it will minimize our risk.

Kathleen Curry asked for direction for "the next steps". The 4-basin west slope Chairs have an ongoing dialog. The Roundtable members felt since the report is not complete yet it is too early for next steps. Tom Alvey suggested setting up a subcommittee like other roundtables, but there was no response. At end of the meeting there was direction to put it on the next meeting agenda.

IBCC Activities and Discussion – Joanne Fagan, Bill Trampe, and Russ George, Director, IBCC

Kathleen Curry introduced Russ George. Russ discussed current work being done and the future of the IBCC and roundtables and where it is going next due to the changes made by the new Governor.

Bill Trampe voiced his concerns about the process. He thinks the GBRT was instrumental and effective in the beginning but lately we have fallen behind the 8-ball and we need to get involved and provide some leadership again. He feels the IBCC needs to "grab hold" of demand management. He is concerned the roundtables have been left out of the demand management process and it is being imposed on us. He is also disturbed about the confidential discussions and thinks he has a right to know what is going on.

Joanne Fagan voiced her concerns with the process as well. She is concerned workgroups working behind closed doors will set some limits in order to move ahead and we're not going to have any say in it. Russ George replied we can't let that happen.

John McCloy stated the participants are not at the workshop to represent their constituents, but were chosen because of their expertise. There are no questions or answers, just ideas to bring to the public for comment. It goes to the staff who will take it to the roundtables, etc.

Marti voiced her concerns stating she has been very disappointed with communication from staff. Kathleen said she is also concerned with the confidentiality piece but hopes the outcome will be helpful.

The next IBCC meeting is this week. Kathleen was interested in attending if the Roundtable was willing to reimburse her expenses.

Report from the Educational Committee – Dave Kanzer, Colorado River Water Conservation District and Neil Schwieterman

Dave Kanzer reported on the website and newsletters. He is hopeful they are getting out the right information. Dave gave an update on the budget and outlined where the money was going. He also discussed some proposed educational items to spend money on. They are discussing spending \$1,000 to bus kids from Ouray, Montrose, Delta and Gunnison counties to the CMU Water Center. Neil Schwieterman was able to research some costs on bussing the kids. It was suggested to cover half the cost of the bussing and CPW could cover the other half.

Colorado Water Plan Grant Proposal Letter of Support – Hannah Holm, Coordinator Hutchins Water Center at CMU

Kathleen Curry introduced a proposal for a letter of support for a water plan grant for the Hutchins Water Center at CMU. Hannah Holm submitted a draft letter. Hannah gave an overview of the project. The grant proposal is to interview water providers to see what their educational needs are, review the CMU curriculum, and then to coordinate with other universities with water programs. Total budget is about \$30,000 to \$32,000. They have some funds to put toward the match as well.

Tom Alvey moved the Gunnison Basin Roundtable provide a letter of support for the Hutchins Water Center at CMU's Colorado water plan grant request. Ron Shaver seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Colorado Water Plan Grant Proposal Letter of Support – Luke Gingerich Redlands Water and Power Company

Kathleen Curry introduced a proposal for a letter of support for a water plan grant for the Redlands Water and Power Company. Luke Gingerich gave an overview of the project. This project is what the Redlands Water and Power Company calls the pump line project. It is a direct outcome of the pump station water feasibility study which received WSRF funds. The pump line project is about 10 percent of the overall pump station project.

Tom Alvey moved the Gunnison Basin Roundtable provide a letter of support for the Redlands Water and Power Company's Colorado water plan grant request. Carey Denison seconded. Kathleen Curry abstained. The motion carried.

Water Legacy Request for a Letter of Support

Kathleen Curry stated she did not know anything more on this project than what is in the flyer. They have not provided a draft letter as requested, and there was no one available at the meeting to answer questions. There was no motion and no action was taken.

WSRF Grant Applications – Tom Alvey

Tom Alvey said there are two WSRF grant applications.

Uncompahgre River Restoration, City of Montrose

The City of Montrose is requesting \$40,000 in Basin funds and \$60,000 in State funds for the improvements to the river channel on the Uncompahgre River on the north side of Montrose. The Project Screening Committee recommends approval of the request. Kendall Cramer and Scott Murphy from the City of Montrose explained the project.

Dan Murphy moved to approve the City of Montrose's request for \$40,000 in Basin funds and \$60,000 in State funds for the river channel improvements project on the Uncompahgre River. Neal Schwieterman seconded. Scott Murphy and Cary Denison abstained. The motion carried.

Lower Aspen Canal, Crawford WCD

The Crawford Water Conservancy District is requesting \$50,000 in Basin funds and \$176,000 in State funds for the lower Aspen canal efficiency project. The project involves piping 9,000 feet of open canal. These funds will be used to buy the pipe. The project is a Tier 1 project and the Project Screening Committee recommends approval of the request.

Marti Whitmore moved to approve Crawford WCD's request for \$50,000 in Basin funds and \$176,000 in State funds for Lower Aspen Canal piping project. Dixie Luke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dave Kanzer said the Crawford WCD is also asking for a letter of support for their Colorado water plan grant application. Frank Kugel moved the Gunnison Basin Roundtable provide a letter of support for the Crawford WCD Colorado water plan grant request. Bill Trampe seconded and the motion carried.

Tom Alvey said he has put together some guidelines for applicants to post on the CWCB website. He distributed the guidelines document to the Roundtable which describes the process timeline, lists the members of the screening committee, and provides suggestions for items the evaluation of grant applications are based upon. John McClow moved to post the guidelines for GBRT grant applications as written on the CWCB website. Bill Trampe seconded and the motion carried.

Comments from Audience

There were no comments from the audience.

Other Business

Kathleen Curry said she will take a look at the attendance record to see if there is anyone has violated the bylaw attendance requirement and then notify the appointees of those persons. Mike Berry suggested the attendance requirement be revisited as it was written when the Roundtable was meeting more often, and now is meeting only 6 times per year. John McClow suggested following the terms of the existing bylaws.

Action Items

Provide letters of support for Hutchins Water Center at CMU, Redlands Water and Power Company, and Crawford Water Conservancy District.

Kathleen Curry will look at the attendance record and notify those out of compliance.

Add Tom Alvey's subcommittee question on demand management to the next meeting's agenda.

Future Meetings

The next Gunnison Basin Roundtable meeting will be on September 16, 2019.

The statewide Roundtable meeting will be on September 25-26, 2019 in Winter Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder