

**Yampa/White/Green River  
Basin Roundtable  
Draft Minutes  
Wednesday July 10, 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 sign-in.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Kelly Romero-Heaney motioned to approve the Agenda, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed.
- 4. Review and Approval of April 10, 2019 Minutes & May 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes:** Jeff Meyers motioned to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes, Si Woodruff seconded, the motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report CWCBC:** Craig Godbout reported the Basin balance is \$608,806, and the Statewide balance is \$1,314,579.
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.
- 7. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees**
  - a. Big River Committee:** Jeff Meyers reported that the Committee met prior to this meeting. They have been working on finding the right questions to get a policy framework report to the Roundtable for discussion. Today's Committee meeting focused on demand management. The Committee will give a presentation to the Roundtable in September. Their goal is to bring two or three policy items back to every meeting to inform, discuss and then formulate opinions on these topics, as a Basin.
  - b. PEPO Committee:** Patrick Stanko announced that the Committee is working on a New Orientation handbook for Roundtable Members. The Roundtable listened to PEPO's newest radio ads. These ads will run through the end of August. The September Roundtable meeting will be videoed.
  - c. Division 6 Water Resources:** Will bring a robust discussion in September regarding what it means to be over appropriated.
- 8. New Business:**
  - a. Legislative wrap up:** Chris Treese with the Colorado River District, shared a 2019 [legislation list](#). Chris briefly discussed legislation that the River District supported, and answered members questions. Colorado Proposition DD, Wagering on Sporting Events Measure, will appear on the November ballot. Sports betting would see a 10% tax, this tax would support the Colorado Water Plan. Legislation does not specify if this will replace or be in addition to current funding. Nothing was changed in the distribution on severance tax this year. One bill made sure that the budgeting will now be done in arrears for distribution. Other taxes, like the bottle bill, are still looking at filling the gap in the future. All options are being evaluated and surveyed. The interim committee,

has a standing permanent water resources review committee that meets regularly. They are focusing on the loan portion of the instream loan program. They will be having a facilitated meeting with stakeholders.

- b. **Friends of the Yampa Update:** Kent Vertrees Lindsey Marlow, Friends of the Yampa's new Program Manager. Lindsey will be helping Friends of the Yampa with their commitment in the IWMP process and the Water Fund. Ken gave a [presentation](#) on the history and current status of the group. Friends of the Yampa organize yearly educational float trips and flights for the Yampa, organize the Yampa River Rendezvous and water conference, and effectively use art and media to showcase the river. Friends of the Yampa's main goal is to maintain a healthy river. Partnerships are extremely important to them, and they are currently looking to expand into Moffat County. They have no official stance on storage and are against trans-basin diversions.
- c. **Green River Update:** (5 min) T. Wright Dickinson gave a Green river update. Stakeholders met with the Bureau of Rec in June in Utah. The Bureau is going to do some work looking at storing water higher than they currently do. The Stakeholders are working on addressing issues on the Green. T. Wright noted that there will need to be a definition of what is good enough, in terms of fish recovery and what that might look like.
- d. **Risk Study Presentation and Discussion:** (45 min) Jackie Brown gave the [Risk study presentation](#) as John and John were not able to make the meeting. Jackie pulled up the presentation and went over the highlights. The stress test period is important to note, that is where the data used for the risk study is coming from. One of the questions is why are we using that specific data set? How much use is pre compact? What role do depletions play in this? Pat O'Toole encouraged members to create their own vision for the Basins future, and be proactive instead of reactive. The Big River Committee is going to try to vet these issues and get a good list of alternatives for the Roundtable to look at. As well as, make sure state representatives have a good understanding of where we stand as a Basin. Please send specific questions to the Big River Committee, so the Committee can work on getting answers. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of July there is a webinar that CWCB is hosting. The IBCC and CWCB have a joint meeting next week.

## 9. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects

- a. **Martin Springs Grant:** Zach Henrichs gave the [project presentation](#). Steve Hinkemeyer briefly recapped Zach's 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Steve reminded the Roundtable that if this grant is approved, it will use the remainder of the funds allocated for the 2019 grant cycle. This grant request is for \$7,462 to make improvements to an existing storage pond and point of diversion. If granted, the applicant intends to dredge the existing pond to remove accumulated sediment, install a stainless-steel head gate, 12'' HDPE pipe diversion structure, and construct approximately 600 feet of lateral swales for 11.42 new acres of irrigated land. The project will take roughly a month. Deirdre is expressed her concern with funding private irrigation projects. T. Wright explained that legislation 1177 supports projects like these. They found that putting water to beneficial use is a public benefit. Specifically, Senator Isgar made sure that projects like this were permitted. Jackie stated that the Roundtable has been trying to give away money for 13 years. The more ag projects we can tackle in this basin the better we are. Will Meyer voiced his support for the project. Alden motioned to approve the project

as proposed, T. Wright seconded the motion, the motion passed with two members in opposition.


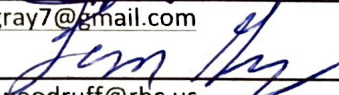

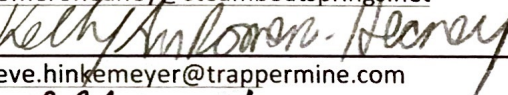

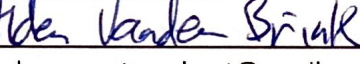
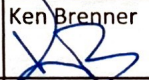
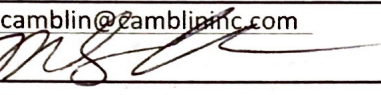

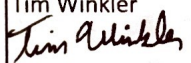
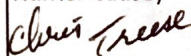
- b. LOS Elkhead Creek Project:** (5 min) Kaitlyn Vaux summarized the requested [letter of support](#). TU has been working with landowners and gathering data to create detailed engineering designs that will help address the concerns outlined in the LOS. They have applied for funds through NRCS, there was funding on the table for several of these properties and at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour it was decided that only one would be funded. TU is requesting support for the project concept. The project protects agriculture activities, water quality and protects non consumptive water uses. There was some discussion on changing the language of the LOS. Hunter Causey motioned to approve the LOS with language changes, Chuck Grobe seconded the motion. Doug Monger moved to amend the motion to defer the LOS to the Executive Committee for writing. The amended motion passed unanimously. Brian Hodge abstained from voting.
- c. Yampa River Curriculum:** (20 min) Kelly with Yampatika gave a [presentation](#) and spoke about the scope of work Yampatika has put together for water education in the Basin. Kelly explained that environmental education has evolved to discussing place-based learning, building leadership skills, how to effectively collaborate, and incorporate real world applications. Yampatika focuses on teaching children how to think, not what to think. Last school year Yampatika reached 580 young people with education. Kelly discussed the 6 different tasks they are looking to accomplish in exhibit A. In order to have an impactful program Yampatika needs some more planning time, and will need an outside consultant to help evaluate the program. The goal is to hand over more and more of the curriculum to the teachers. Yampatika helps teachers learn how to take their students outside. The question to the Roundtable was how should this move forward? Steve Hinkemeyer explained that the allocation of grant funds will happen at the September meeting for 2020 grants. The potential ask is \$150,798. Doug Monger suggested potentially funding this in three phases. Approve year one now, and have them come back each year. This option would give them the opportunity to seek State funding. Alden Vanden Brink asked if doing approval in three phases would impact Yampatika's ability to impact education across the Basin? The answer was yes, it would negatively affect their outreach. If they can get funding sooner, they can bring on an employee to help reach further out communities. Checking with Craig for other state funding opportunities, was suggested. The grant could potentially be funded in September after the 2020 grant allocation is approved. Steve suggested sorting it out between the Grants Committee and the PEPO Committee between now and September. All were in agreement with Steve's suggestion.
- d. IWMP Committee Update & Approvals:** Nicole Seltzer reminded members that they approved the IWMP Charter at their May meeting. The action needed tonight is regarding hiring segment coordinators. Segment Coordinators will be point people between landowners and the tech committee and tech contractor. The stakeholder subcommittee developed the hiring process, conducted interviews and made hiring suggestions to the IWMP Committee. The Committee agreed to recommend two applicants, Jerry Albers and Gena Hinkemeyer be hired by the River District for 20 hours a week. Kelly Romero-Heaney motioned to approve the recommendation, Brian

Hodge seconded, the motion was approved unanimously. Please share the RFP email far and wide. The Committee is hoping to come back to the Roundtable with a suggested contractor in September.

**10. Announcements:** Roundtable leadership positions are coming available in November. The Statewide C-9 Summit will be held in Winter Park on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Water Congress in Steamboat Springs on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Next Meeting September 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment:** 9:19

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	X	X			dmonger@co.routt.co.us 
2	Moffat County Commissioners Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2019)	Tom Gray	2023		X	X	X			trgray7@gmail.com 
3	Rio Blanco County Commissioners Appointment:	Si Woodruff	2023	X	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	X			kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net 
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:	Stephen Hinkemeyer	2023	X	X	X	X			steve.hinkemeyer@trappermine.com 
7	Rio Blanco County Municipality Appointment: (White Vice Chair through 2019)	Alden Vanden Brink	2019	X	X	X	X			aldenvb@yahoo.com 
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)	Ken Brenner 	2023	X	X	X	X			kpbrennersteamboat@gmail.com
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)	Mike Camblin	2023	X	X		X			mcamblin@camblininc.com 
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment	Shawn Welder 	2023	X	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		X			timwinkler7272@gmail.com
13	Colorado River Water Conservation District Appointment:	Hunter Causey 	2023	X	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	X			Brian.Hodge@tu.org <i>Brian Hodge</i>	
16	Agricultural Appointment:	Will Myers	2023		X	X	X			will@headwaterengineering.com <i>Will Myers</i>	
17	Recreation:	Kent Vertrees	2022	X	X		X			kent@friendsoftheyampa.com <i>Kent Vertrees</i>	
18	Domestic Water Provider:	Frank Alfano <i>Frank Alfano</i>	2022	X	X		X			falfano@mwwater.com	
19	Industrial Water Interest:	Rich Thompson	2022	X	X		X			rthompson@tristategt.org <i>Rich Thompson</i>	
20	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Meyers <i>Jeff Meyers</i>	2022	X	X	X	X			coyotecreek@comcast.net <i>Jeff Meyers</i>	
21	At-Large Representative:	Jackie Brown <i>Jackie Brown</i>	2022	X	X	X	X			jbrown@tristategt.org <i>Jackie Brown</i>	
22	At-Large Representative:	Jeff Comstock <i>Jeff Comstock</i>	2022	X	X	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 <i>Chuck Whiteman</i>	2021	X	X		X			cwa@rioblanco.com	
25	At-Large Representative:	Deirdre Macnab <i>Deirdre Macnab</i>	2021	X	X	X	X			didimacnab@earthlink.net <i>Deirdre Macnab</i>	
26	At-Large Representative:	Chuck G. Grobe <i>Chuck G. Grobe</i>	2021	X	X		X			cgrobe@moffatcounty.net <i>Chuck Grobe</i>	
27	At-Large Representative:	Travis Day	2021	X	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		X			vwilczek@rangelyco.gov <i>V. Wilczek</i>
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30	Green River Basin Representative	T. Wright Dickinson	2021				X			twrightdickinson@vermillionranchlp.com <i>T Wright Dickinson</i>
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	Jackie Brown	no term	X	X	X				jbrown@tristategt.org



# Guest Sign-In Sheet

Name	Affiliation
CRAIG GODBOUT	CWCB
MICKEY O'HARA	COLORADO WATER TRUST
Nicole Seltzer	RiverNetwork
Lindsey Marlow	Friends of the Yampa
Michele Meyer	Community Ag Alliance.
FAT O'TOOLE	LITTLE SNAKE RIVER
Kevin McBride	G.M. Upper Yampa W.C.D.
Brent Gardner-Smith	Aspen Journalism
Nate Marx	The Nature Conservancy
Jennifer Wellman	The Nature Conservancy
DOUGLAS DAVIS	student
Paul Kehmeier	CO Dept of Agriculture
David Graf	CPW
Mark Williams	CAA
Curran Trick	CWCB
Zach Hendrichs	WSRF Grant App.
TOM BROWNING	ATKINS/CONSULTING
Tyler McWilliams	DWR
Patrick Stanko	CAA

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