

**Yampa/White/Green River
Basin Roundtable
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 11, 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:** Members and guests introduced themselves. See the attached sign-in.
- 3. Approve/Modify Agenda:** Steve Hinkemeyer motioned to approved the September Agenda, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed.
- 4. Review and Approval of July 10, 2019 Minutes:** Chuck Grobe motioned to approve the July 10th minutes, Kelly Romero-Heaney seconded, the motion passed.
- 5. Budget Report CWCB:** Craig Godbout report that the Basin received its full allocation. The Basin balance is now \$768,806, and the Statewide balance is \$3,940,608.
- 6. Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.

7. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees

- a. BIP updates and Representative: Jackie Brown reported that the CWCB is updating BIP plans. They will be hiring an umbrella contractor, who will oversee and approve the Basins contractors. Deirdre Macnab volunteered to participate in the hiring process. Jackie suggested that the Roundtable revisit the summary and/or the entire statement for desired updates.
- b. PEPO Committee: Patrick reminded members to check the website, as it gets updated regularly. A Partnership page and an Events Calendar are coming soon. All 6 radio ads are playing in the month of September and will restart next Spring. This meeting was recorded to help with the six episodes that will be coming soon. A Membership Handbook will also be coming soon. Members were encouraged to review it and let Patrick know if updates need to be made, it will be a living document.
- c. Division 6 Water Resources: Erin Light announced that she is still determining over appropriation status for the Yampa River. Erin explained that an over appropriation status for the Yampa River would not mean that water is no longer available for appropriation. It does however, affect well permitting. Lots of land less than 35 acres would only allow a permit for household use, any additional water use on that property would require an augmentation plan. Over appropriation does not affect existing wells. When an over appropriation status is designated in a Basin, the Division of Water sets a start date for when the status will go into effect. The status does not go into effect immediately upon determination. This gives people the opportunity to file for permits prior to the status going into effect. Augmentation options are building a reservoir when it's in priority, or drying up historically irrigated land and using those credits. However, it is critical to understand the consumptive credits you would get. Transit loss evaluation is being done by the CWCB. This is being done on the Yampa below Elk Creek. Erin will be sharing this report with everyone on the Elkhead call. Doug

Monger asked if the consultant was going to look at transit losses on the whole river? He is not, he is looking at Elkhead creek to Craig, from Craig to Maybell, and Maybell to Deer Lodge. He will average the reaches, but will not be figuring transit loss for each reach. He's also looking at data from wet, dry and normal years.

8. New Business:

- a. Basin Roundtable travel & administrative bill: Jackie Brown explained that this idea came up a few weeks ago from another Roundtable, after further discussion they learned that the CWCB does have some funding available for travel. This has since been put on the back burner. Patrick Stanko announced that there is currently \$900 budgeted for Roundtable members travel expenses in this Basin.
- b. House Senate seat discussion: Jackie Brown explained that the Senate would like the Roundtable to recommend someone for this position. Jackie suggested that this position be treated like an At-large seat. Opened up for interested parties, the Roundtable members could then vote on who they would like to recommend for the position. The Chair that takes over in November, will then send the recommendation to the Senate for confirmation.
- c. Big River Committee: Jeff Meyer and Tom Gray gave a [presentation](#) on Demand Management. The gentlemen reminded the members that this is a feasibility study and the Roundtable will be giving feedback to the IBCC. These discussions will not be rushed, as there is not a set time limit for evaluation. The Committee does not want to see an assumption that demand management works placed in the interim guidelines, without knowing if it will work. The Basin does not want to be bound by something that is not functional. Jackie Brown pointed out that only storage that was approved by the Colorado Storage Reservation Act can be counted down stream. The pool in lake Powell is exempt from releases. Jeff reminded members that this is the first of many discussions that will be held on this topic. Further clarification on the relationship between the demand management plan and the Basins goals, was requested. Members were asked to consider if the Roundtable should take a position on demand management and whether or not it should be done.
- d. Leadership positions coming available in November: Jackie Brown reviewed what she does as chair in a brief [presentation](#). Currently the Roundtable has one Vice Chair from the Yampa and one Vice Chair from the White. Jackie explained that some Roundtables do a Co-Chair, instead and outlined the benefits to that. Jackie went over some suggested bylaw changes. The Chair has never voted, unless breaking a tie, but that is not in the bylaws, Jackie suggested that it be added. There was a gentleman's agreement to have the Chair positions rotate Counties, this is not in the bylaws. The group discussed the importance of having a good leader over ensuring the rotation happened, as well as their desire to keep the rotation in place. By show of hands the majority of the group did not desire to make the gentleman's agreement official in the bylaws, but did want it to stand as guidance. The majority preferred to keep the current Vice Chair structure in place. They also suggested further defining Vice Chair positions to make the Chair position less demanding, this will be discussed further by the Executive Committee. The majority desired that the Chair not vote, unless breaking a tie. The changes to the bylaws will be presented in writing so that members can consider the changes in advance. Members interested in leadership positions will

submit a letter of interest/resume by a TBD due date. These will be included in the packet and interested members will be given time to present at the November meeting. Ballots will be provided, and space for a write in option will be included. Ken Brenner and fellow Roundtable members thanked Jackie for her service and the wonderful job she has done.

9. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects

- a. 2020 Grant process & allocation: (25 min) Steve Hinkemeyer gave a [presentation](#) that briefly overviewed Roundtable approved grants that are still in progress, and briefly recapped the 2019 grant process. The Committee does not yet have enough data to determine the functionality of the matrix. There will be a few changes to the 2020 process. The Committee recommends that at second grant readings, the first motion on the floor is the grant as presented. If members don't want to approve the grant as presented, they would then vote no, if the grant as presented gets voted down a second motion can be made to approve the grant with desired modifications. If the potential grantee is unsure if they can meet the modifications to the request, they would be allowed time to figure the particulars out, and come back before the Roundtable at a later date. The Committee is recommending that Basin grants go through the regular grant process, instead of having their own allocated amount, Basin grants would be funded out of the small and large grant allocations. The recommended grant allocation for 2020 grants is \$50,000 for small grants and \$330,000 for large grants. As, members had questions before approving the allocations, the Roundtable will revisit and vote on these amounts at the November meeting prior to grants being heard. The 2020 Grant cycle is now open. First grant readings will be heard on October 9th, the Committee is hoping for increased participation from the Roundtable members. The October 9th meeting will have a screen sharing and call in option available for members who cannot attend the meeting in person.
- b. IWMP Diversion assessment contract: IWMP is waiting on funding, before segment coordinators can get started. Brian Hodge gave a [presentation](#) on the Diversion Infrastructure Assessment Hiring process and recommendation. The IWMP Committee is recommending that the Basin Roundtable approve entering into a contract with the contracting team JUB and Wilson Water group for diversion infrastructure assessments. Kelly Romero-Heaney moved to approve the IWMP Committees recommendation, Frank Alfone seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- c. LOS Yampa Fund: Jackie Brown explained that since the Basin Roundtable is not an official entity, it cannot sign onto the collaboration agreement with the Yampa Fund. Instead the Roundtable can issue a Letter of Support as attached in the packet. It was requested that the last line be removed entirely, any other recommended edits will be sent to Jackie. Ken Brenner motioned to approve the Letter of Support, Chuck Grobe seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

- d. Yampatika Request \$99,053 WSRF final approval: Kelly Romero-Heaney introduced Meg Walker and Joe Haines with Yampatika. Meg briefly recapped their project, and went over the change in their ask and scope, per the Roundtables request in July. Alden Vanden Brink asked that the name be changed to YWG instead of Yampa. Tim Winkler motioned to approve the ask, Deirdre Macnab seconded and spoke in favor of the project, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Announcements: The Yampa River Fund launch party will be held on September 19th, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mountain Tap Brewery. There will also be one TBD in Craig in the future. The White River and Douglas Creek, kick off their IWMP process tomorrow, interested parties can contact Alden Vanden Brink for more information.

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

12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 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	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: (Vacant Never filled)										
5	Routt County Municipality Appointment:		Kelly Romero-Heaney	2023	X	X	X	X	X		kromeroheaney@steamboatsprings.net
6	Moffat County Municipality Appointment:		Stephen Hinkemeyer	2023	X	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	X		aldenvb@yahoo.com
8	Upper Yampa Conservancy District Appointment: (IBCC Rep through 2018)		Ken Brenner	2023	X	X	X	X			kpbrnnersteamboat@gmail.com
9	Juniper Water Conservancy District Appointment: (Yampa Vice Chair through 2019)		Mike Camblin	2023	X	X		X	X		mcamblin@camblininc.com
10	Yellow Jacket Water Conservancy District Appointment		Shawn Welder	2023	X	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	X		timwinkler7272@gmail.com
13	Colorado River Water Conservation District Appointment:		Hunter Causey	2023	X	X		X	X		hcausey@crwcd.org

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28	At-Large Representative:	Bill Badaracca	2021	X	X						fairsquareoffice@gmail.com
29	At-Large Representative:	Vince Wilczek	2021	X	X			X	X		vwilczek@vermillionranchlp.com <i>Vince Wilczek</i>
	At-Large Appointments from above members			Jan, 10	Apr, 10	May, 8	Jul, 10	Sep, 11	Nov, 13		Signature/ email
30	Green River Basin Representative	T. Wright Dickinson	2021				X				twrightdickinson@vermillionranchlp.com
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	X	X			jbrown@tristategt.org <i>JB</i>

Guest Sign-In Sheet

Name	Affiliation
Craig Garbutt	CWCB
MICKEY O'HARA	COLORADO WATER TRUST
Kevin McBride	UYWCD
Holly Kirkpatrick	UYWCD
Gregory Black	INTERA
Jennifer Wellman	TNC
Doug Davis	Citizen
Bailey Leppke	SGM
PAUL SCOLARI	DINOSAUR NATL MONUMENT
Meg Walker	Yampatika
Nicole Seltzer	River Network
Callie Hendrickson	White River & Douglas Creek Cons. Dist
Deely Beel	TRI-STATE GST
William Mitzelfeld	Two Hawks Ranch
Gena Hinkemeyer	Task Masters Admin Service
Claire Sollars	Colorado Water Matters
BRIAN Romig	DWR
JAMES A. Martin	DWR
Tyler McWilliams	DWR
Jeff Steck	Citizen

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