

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Roubideaux Room, 320 West 5th Street, Delta, CO
September 20, 2021**

Voting Members Present:

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Steve Anderson	Agricultural
Bruce Bair	At-Large
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Justin Blair	At-Large
Sonja Chavez	At-Large
Mike Cleary	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Kathleen Curry	Saguache County
Cary Denison	Environmental
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Steve Fletcher	At-Large
Jay Jutten	Montrose County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendel Koontz	At-Large
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Dan Murphy	Hinsdale Municipalities
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Scott Murphy	Montrose Municipalities
Julie Nania	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Jim Plumhoff	Industrial
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County

Voting Members Excused/Absent:

Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
John Justman	Mesa County
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Richard Udd	Delta Municipalities
Vacant	Colorado River Water Conservation District

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sam Stein (CWCB), Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), David Kanzer (CRWCD), Bob Hurford (Division of Water Resources).

Public: Raquel Flinker (Colorado River District), Luke Gingerich (J-U-B Engineers), Elizabeth Schoder (CWCB), Anita Evans (Friends of Youth & Nature), Nancy Fishing (Club 20/Colorado Forest & Water Alliance), Cindy Dozier (Club 20/COFWA/RMRI), Karl Burns (President, Stewart Ditch & Reservoir Co.), Gary Kraai (Crawford Water Conservancy District), Janet Chapman (Citizen's Climate Action), Hannah Holm (Water Center CMU), Jeff Derry (CSAS), Kat Weismiller (CWCB), Liz Smith (Gunnison County), Suzie Bilberry (Delta Conservation District), Joe Zavorini (Unknown), Jason Ullmann (Deputy State Engineer), Sue Hansen (Montrose County BOCC).

Welcome

The meeting was called to order just after 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Curry.

Roll Call/Introductions

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

Agenda Approval

Cary Denison asked to add a project update by Carl Burns from the Stewart Ditch Company.

Tom Alvey moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mark Roeber seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the July 19, 2021, Meeting

Bill Nesbitt moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021, meeting as submitted. Steve Fletcher seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the CWCB Representative (Steve Anderson)

Steve Anderson reported on the CWCB meeting held on Wednesday and Thursday of the previous week in Denver. Wednesday afternoon the discussion was about the budget. The Roundtable got a funding refresh of \$200,000 and next year will get \$300,000. The limit on basin accounts will be \$750,000.

Other discussions were about big river issues, renegotiating guidelines, approval of a workplan regarding environmental issues, and concerns about drought operations and what has been done to Blue Mesa Reservoir.

Karl Burns Stewart Ditch Company Project Update

Karl Burns gave an update report on the Stewart Ditch piping project. With the funds from the Roundtable grant they purchased roughly 2,000 feet of pipe. They have installed a total of about 9,000 feet of 54-inch and 48-inch pipe. There is still more to do on their project, including modernizing the headgate.

Education Committee Report (Raquel Flinker/Dave Kanzer)

The Education Committee met immediately before the Roundtable meeting and Kathleen Curry gave a report on the highlights. This is an action item and the goal is for the Roundtable to decide on the Education Action Plan (EAP), which needs to be finalized and submitted to the State. The Education Committee Chair position is vacant and they are looking for someone to manage the web and social media sites.

The Roundtable discussed the plan, noting limited funding and lack of people to do all the work. It was mentioned some roundtables have hired consultants to do it. An additional suggestion was to use WSRF funding for an outside consultant to do the work. Raquel Flinker said the River District will continue to take care of the website for 2022 but cannot commit long-term. A new person is needed to take care of the social marketing and newsletter.

Marti Whitmore moved to support the Tier 1 activities to the extent we can find personnel and/or resources to accomplish those tasks, understanding that the tasks may need to be decreased if we cannot find those resources. Tom Alvey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There will be more discussion at the next meeting on how to get these tasks accomplished and the search for a Chair for the committee.

IBCC Report (Joanne Fagan, Mark Roeber, Cary Denison)

Joanne Fagan reported the IBCC did not meet since the last GBRT meeting. The Committee will meet remotely on October 20. They have not distributed an agenda.

BIP Update (Luke Gingerich)

Luke Gingerich reported the review period for roundtable members regarding the BIP Update has closed. Changes can still be done through the public process. There were some comments from Roundtable members, which were discussed at the meeting. Luke will incorporate and email the changes back to the Roundtable.

The public comment period opens October 13, 2021. Go to engagecwcb.org to comment.

Colorado Forest and Water Alliance Policy and Principles (Cindy Dozier and Nancy Fishing)

Nancy Fishing gave a presentation about the Colorado Forest and Water Alliance (COFWA) and its policy and principles. COFWA is an advocacy group representing Club 20 and working as liaison to roundtables. The presentation was about forest management, watershed health and wildfires.

Roundtable members discussed the idea of adopting the COFWA principles. There was interest in having additional discussion with Sonja Chavez and other entities such as the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, GMUG, and Montrose County, to talk about what they are doing. This item will be continued at the next meeting.

Center For Snow and Avalanche Studies (Dave Kanzer)

Dave Kanzer is the President of Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies (CSAS) Board, based in Silverton. They will be coming to the Roundtable looking for funding. Jeff Derry, CSAS, gave a presentation on what they do and who they are. The CSAS will be asking for a total of \$200,000; \$80,000 from statewide funds and \$15,000 from each of 8 roundtable basin funds.

Cary Denison and Sonja Chavez both voiced their support.

Grant Review Committee Report (Tom Alvey)

Tom Alvey stated there were no applications at this time. There are 3 to 4 grant applications coming in by October 1.

Public Comment

None.

Other Business

The November meeting will be the annual meeting of the Roundtable and hold an election of officers. Kathleen Curry asked if there is anyone else who would like to be Chairperson as she would like to step back. She likely will miss the November meeting.

Future Meetings

The next regular Roundtable meeting is November 15, 2021.

The Annual Seminar will be on Friday, October 1 in Grand Junction at 9:00 a.m. at CMU.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Mike Berry, Recorder

Action Items

Luke Gingerich will incorporate last Roundtable changes into the BIP Update and email to the Roundtable members.