

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Virtual and In-Person Meeting  
Roubideaux Room, 320 West 5th Street, Delta, CO  
September 19, 2022**

**Voting Members Present:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Steve Anderson	Agricultural
Justin Blair	At-Large Member
Sonja Chavez	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Mike Cleary	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Cary Denison	Environmental
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Nancy Fishing	Montrose County
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees
Scott McInnis	Mesa County
Scott Murphy	Montrose Municipalities
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Jim Plumhoff	Industrial
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Richard Udd	Delta Municipalities
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County

**Voting Members Excused/Absent:**

Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Mike Berry	Tri-County WCD
Kathleen Curry	Saguache County
Chuck Mitisek	Ute WCD
Dan Murphy	Hinsdale Municipalities
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Vacant	At-Large Member
Vacant	Colorado River Water Conservation District

**Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB), Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder).

**Public:**

Randy Kim (City of Grand Junction), Steve Pope (UVWUA), Cindy Dozier (Club 20, CFWA, Rocky Mt. Restoration Initiative), Luke Gingerich (J-U-B Engineering)

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairperson Steve Anderson.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

**Agenda Approval**

Members asked to add a letter of support for City of Grand Junction and change the Agenda Approval of Minutes to read 2022, not 2021.

Bill Nesbitt moved to approve the Agenda as corrected. Allen Distel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from the July 18, 2022 Meeting**

Wendell Koontz stated he was at the July meeting.

Allen Distel moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting as corrected. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion passed. Sonja Chavez and Jonathan Houck were absent at the meeting and abstained.

**Election to fill at large seat**

John McClow stated only statutory members can vote for At-Large seats. It will require a 2/3rds vote of regular members and should be a secret vote.

There was discussion as to whether Roundtable members can vote online, by text or by email and whether candidates must be present and if they could be present via zoom. Members requested information on candidates and to put the election off to the next meeting in order to have time to review the candidates.

Alan Distel moved to table the election to the next meeting in November. Joanne Fagan seconded.

There was more discussion as to whether the candidates needed to show up in person or could attend via zoom. John McClow stated the bylaws were changed and provide that members of the roundtable can participate and vote by audio and video conference, and felt it was only fair the candidates should be able to do this also. Steve Anderson stated a resume and letter of interest for each candidate will be sent to everyone in advance, and the candidates will be required to attend in person or via zoom.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Education Committee Report (Sonja Chavez)**

Sonja Chavez and Cindy McKee gave an update on the activities of the Education Committee. They have applied for the State PEPO Grant for \$25,000 but have not yet received the funds. As soon as funds are released, they will begin distributing the funds for administrative communication work, student education and public education.

### **WSRF Guidelines (Jeff Rodriguez)**

Jeff Rodriguez discussed WSRF funding and guidelines. They are in the process of hiring regional coordinators who will be administering water plan grants, assisting roundtables, and performing other outreach duties.

There will be an increase in recorder funds and they have purchased audio visual equipment for each basin. The Chair of the Roundtable will designate someone to be in charge of the equipment.

The Water Plan comment period ends September 30. The last listening session, dedicated to agriculture, will be on September 28.

There is a significant amount of funding available. They are proposing each Roundtable receive \$1M and are reserving 3 years of WSRF funding to protect from variability in severance tax revenues. They will be bringing back state-wide matching and increasing PEPO funding. The next CWCB board meeting starts tomorrow.

### **Grant Review Committee Report (Tom Alvey)**

Tom Alvey stated there were no requests for this meeting, but he expects a couple grant applications coming in for the November meeting. After new funding levels are known there will be more requests coming in quickly.

**Colorado Water Conservation Board Report (Steve Anderson)**

Steve Anderson reported and briefly discussed WSRF funding. He said the constant debate at the CWCB Board meeting is the Colorado River. August 15 came and went and no one came up with any water for the downstream reservoirs. Steve says he finds it hard to believe that our water is at much risk from the federal government legally coming in and taking water from us. The Lower Basin needs to live within their means. The next meeting is in Durango starting tomorrow.

**Interbasin Compact Committee Report (Joann Fagan, Mark Roeber)**

Joanne Fagan had no report. The next meeting will be October 25, 2022.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Other Business**

Randy Kim from the City of Grand Junction gave a presentation for their request for a letter of support for a conservation and land use planning grant. The grant request is for a graywater system which will save around 20% of their water.

Joanne Fagan moved the Gunnison Basin Roundtable provide a letter of support for the City of Grand Junction's conservation and land use planning grant. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion passed.

Randy Kim will send a draft letter to Steve Anderson.

**Future Meetings**

The next regular Roundtable meeting is November 21, 2022, 3:00 pm, Roubideaux Room, Delta.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.



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Mike Berry, Recorder

**Action Items**

Resumes and Letters of Interest for the vacant At-Large seat to be sent to Roundtable members in advance of the November 21, 2022, meeting.

Randy Kim will send a draft letter of support to Steve Anderson for the City of Grand Junction's conservation and land use planning grant.