

**Yampa/White/Green River Basin  
Roundtable Minutes  
Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
Location: CNCC Craig  
Campus Room 185  
2801 West 9th Street • Craig, CO 81625  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Link:**

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**Meeting ID:** 757 566 7369

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Steve Hinkemeyer, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
2. **Introduction of Members and Audience:** Role call for members quorum included Doug, Monger, Tom Gray, Julie Baxter, Steve Hinkemeyer, Ken Brenner, J. Sheehan, Tim Winkler, Will Myers, Kent Vertress, Frank Alfone, Jackie Brown, Doug Davis, Charles Whiteman, Jennifer Holloway, Travis Day, Bill Badaracca, T. Wright Dickinson, and Jonathan Bowler.
3. **Approve/Modify Agenda:** Liz Chandler will provide White River update. Ken moved to approve the May agenda. Kent seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review and Approve March 9, 2022 Minutes:** Frank moved to approve the March minutes. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Budget Report & CWCB Staff Update:** (10 min) Sam Stein. The WSRF account balance is \$693,000, and \$22,000 is the stimulus. On June 30th the 90-day public comment period will open on the Water Plan. The municipal reporting portal, HB 1051 Database, is getting an overhaul and the release date is delayed until June 1st thus the deadline will be extended to September 1st. June 1st is the grant deadline for the [PEPO Coordinator](#). Scope of work etc has gone out to all BRTs. WSRF grant deadline is also June 1st. Updated WSRF Guidelines and Criteria are effective as of July 1st. A \$300,000 balance will be available at the start of the fiscal year in July 2022. A \$750,000 cap will be applied next fiscal year July 2023. CWCB Board Meeting will be on May 17th and 18th. Topics include CO Water Plan and Resiliency and the meeting will be in Breckenridge. The July meeting will be in Steamboat, the dates and agenda are to be determined. They are anticipating a C9 Summit just prior to the July meeting.
6. **Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** Lindsey Marlow and Jenny Frishten with the [Friends of the Yampa](#) gave an update that in September of 2022 they will be the new management entity for the Yampa River Fund. In the near future, there will be a River Safety Youth Camp and spots are available. The [Yampa River Scorecard](#) is getting an update. Kent Vertress gave input on an Eco Flight happening in May. Also, the River Festival is around the corner from June 3rd-5th.
7. **Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:**
  - a. **Yampa IWMP** (60 min): *see page 9 of the May Meeting Packet*. Ken, Chair of IWMP, gave a brief update on the [IWMP](#). The budget is \$500,000 and there will be a request for \$5,000 for Consensus Building Inc. He noted that at the next BRT there will be a list of IWMP suggested projects as well as a final report.
    - i. **Riparian Workgroup Reports:** *See page 10 of the May Meeting Packet* -Steve gave an update on the Remote Enviro Assessment Work

Group. In Nov. of 2021 concerns were brought to the BRT. In January 2022, a committee comprised of Jennifer Wellman, Steve Hinkenmeyer, and Brian Hodge combed thru the lengthy IWMP Report. The suggestions were accepted by the Ag Committee and the IWMP and now coming to the BRT for acceptance. Jennifer gave an update on how technology is being used to show how water channels are shifting shape and location and shared a video on the [CO Fluvial Hazard Zone Program](#). Katie Jagt joined the BRT and gave an overview of how the map was made and how it can be used to plan in the event of a flood.

ii. **Project Recommendations:** *See page 22 of the May Meeting Packet.* The IWMP created a brainstorming map of how to determine recommendations to take back to the BRT. Page 23 of the Meeting Packet lists the recommended projects.

iii. **Final report:** Nicole. The IWMP hired an outside company to create the Final Report. The long, rough draft of the report can be found starting on page 24 of the meeting packet. The final report will be available at the July BRT meeting.

iv. **Financial report:** The financial report can be found on pages 26-27. Total revenue is \$535,494, total expense is \$391,527. Committed contracted unspent is \$87,295, approved but uncontracted is \$5,000. Unencumbered revenue minus expense is \$51,674 and contracted underspend is \$20,000.

v. **Little Snake River CD:** Ken posed the question how do we interact with the Little Snake River? They have lots of great projects going on. Steve suggested a special meeting might work best.

Tim motioned to accept the three technical reports (Remote Environmental Assessment, Fluvial Hazard Zone Mapping and the Yampa Riparian Summary of Findings), the Process for Recommendations to the IWMP report, the financial update, and the final IWMP report structure and allocating \$5,000 for Consensus Building Inc. Kent seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. **Grant Committee** (40 min) Steve Hinkenmeyer. *page 28 of the meeting packet.* [Grant Committee Update and Requests](#). Changes by the CWCB to the grant guidelines in January of 2022 resulted in revising the current grant cycles. The last grants for the 2022 program were approved in November of 2021. BRT accounts will be funded as of their balances on July 1st. Balance of \$693,000. Under budget of \$475,000. Our grant program year will now end as of the June CWCB meeting. The first grant cycle will begin with the February grant meeting. Requests for future year grant funds will be at the March meeting.

i. **Revised Grant Program for FY 2023:** Proposed new grant cycles to be February Cycle 1, April Cycle 2, October Cycle 3, and December Cycle 4. Ken motioned to approve the new grant cycles. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ii. **Allocate funds for the 2023 Grant Program:** T. Wright makes a motion to approve \$450,000 with possible adjustments to be presented later after July BRT. Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

iii. **Bear River Reservoir Company Stillwater Reservoir** - John Redmond

and Andi Schaffner gave a presentation on Stillwater Reservoir Repair Costs and Hydraulic Upgrades to make them DWR compliant. It was constructed in 1939 at the headwaters of the Bear River. The company operates on the basis of 5,175 shares, representing 1 ac-ft each. Ag users are comprised of 5,063 ac-ft and municipal (town of Yampa) is 112 ac-ft. Storage would increase from 3,417 AF to 4,146 AF. The DWR conducted a work-study and advised these repairs. Tim made a motion for the grant request of \$139,500 of YWG Brasin Roundtable WSRF funds. Bill seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- iv. **Drescher Dam Rehabilitation Phase 2** – Nick Charchalis gave a presentation on Drescher Dam Repair Project. The Dam was constructed in 1904 for up to 240 ac-ft of irrigation storage of pre-compact water storage. Without repairs, it currently operates 8 feet below the spillway crest or 125 ac-ft. It aligns with Colorado's Water Plan to keep ag economically productive while increasing storage. Additionally, irrigation is without river diversion. T. Wright made a motion for a grant request of \$62,440 of YWG BRT WSRF Funds to go towards Drescher Dam Rehabilitation - Phase 2. Tom seconded the motion. Will Myers abstained from voting. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Reports of Applicable Standing or Special Committees:**

- a. **WRIWI:** (10 min) Liz Chandler gave an update on the recent public meetings in Buford, Meeker, Rangley, and Piceance Creek. The meetings were well attended and input was valuable. Results of the meeting will go back to the Planning Advisory Committee to decide what can be funded and will have the biggest positive impact on the White River. From there it will go to the Conservation Districts for approval. Then the scope of work will be refined for the Phase 3 Integrated Water Initiative. From there four more community-driven meetings will be held to ensure needs are being met. Timeline for final scope of work to be presented at September meeting.
- b. **Big River Committee/IBCC:** (20 min) Jeff Meyers & Tom Gray. The IBCC Meeting coming up and sub-committee work is being worked on.
- c. **DWR Update:** (10 min) Erin Light gave time to allow for questions. There were none.
- d. **PEPO:** (10 min) Ken Brenner & Patrick Stanko. Funding for PEPO has changed for 2022 and is coming in the form of a grant for upwards of \$25,000 that's due by June 1st. Administrative costs roughly \$10,000 and Public Outreach is \$15,000. Tim made a motion for the grant request of \$25,000 plus the letter of support. Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **CWCB Update:** (10 min) Jackie Brown. Nothing to report at this time.

#### **9. Announcements:**

- a. **Recorder (5 min)** Alden VB. The current recorder will be stepping down at the end of 2022 due to a change in workload.

#### **10. Dates and Tentative Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

- a. Next YWG BRT Meeting July 13, 2022, @ 6:00 PM CNCC Craig, Colorado
  - i. State Water Plan Update - CWCB

ii. Cloud Seeding Activities in Colorado – Colorado River District

**11. Adjourn** Ken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

