

Yampa/White/Green River Basin Roundtable Minutes Summary

Wednesday, July 10 2024

Location: CNCC Craig Campus, Room 185

2801 West 9th Street • Craig, CO 81625

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Recorded by Kristin Skowronski

1	Call Meeting to Order
	A regular Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable (YWG BRT) meeting convened virtually and in person. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Hinkemeyer @ 6:00 PM
2	Announce new appointed members
	Ken Brenner was appointed to Garfield County chair which has been historically vacant. Andy Rossi was appointed to Upper Yampa Conservancy District chair.
3	Introduction of Members and Audience
	19 voting members were present at the call to order, so a quorum was present (at least 16 required)
	<u>VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Julie Baxter, Bill Badaracca, Rebecca Briesmoore, Jonathan Bowler, Jackie Brown, Mike Camblin, Travis Day, Frank Alfone, Ken Brenner, Andy Rossi, Callie Scritchfield, Jennifer Holloway, Stephen Hinkemeyer, Jeff Meyers, Will Myers, Doug Monger, Sonja Macys, Charles Whiteman, Alden Vanden Brink, Shawn Welder, Kent Vertress, Miranda Kawcak, Rich Thompson
	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u> Sally Cariveau, Mendi Figueroa, Diana Lang, Lauren Ris, Jeff Rodriguez, Kristin Skowronski
4	Approve/Modify Agenda
	Hinkemeyer proposed giving Rebecca Briesmoore more time on the agenda and adding the environmental and industrial seat vacancy under announcements. Mike Camblin moved to approve the revised agenda, 2 nd by Frank Alfone, motion carried unanimously.
5	Review and Approve May 8, 2024 Minutes
	Brenner moved to approve, 2 nd by Camblin. Andy Rossi abstained, motion carried unanimously.
6	Public Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Bowler announced the Headwaters of Colorado Initiative received a grant to complete restoration project on the Elk River and Little Snake headwaters. Kent Vertress reported on Friends of the Yampa's award of outstanding water designation by the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission for 278 miles of tributaries in the Yampa River Basin.
7	Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeff Rodriguez gave an update on the CWCB budget, noting the Yampa White Green Basin account has a balance of \$497,789 and gave the group information about the upcoming C9 Summit in Crested Butte October 1 and 2. Jackie Brown provided updates on the CWCB meeting held in the Grand Lake area, covering topics like the situation at Glen Canyon Dam, the introduction of two new directors, upcoming meetings in Walden, and an update on turf replacement program guideline
8	Water Commissioners Corner
	Lauren Ris, CWCB Director expressed her appreciation for being invited to the tour and provided an overview of her responsibilities as Director of CWCB. She emphasized the importance of strengthening the CWCB's capacity by filling key staff vacancies and ensuring the successful implementation of the updated water plan. Ris discussed the board's efforts to leverage federal funding, particularly through technical capacity grants aimed at addressing gaps within local communities. She also noted the recent rotation of CWCB board leadership and reiterated her commitment to advancing water policy initiatives across the state of Colorado.

9	Presentations
9a	<i>Maybell Diversion & Headgate modifications</i>
9b	Camblin & Diana Lang gave a presentation on the Maybell Diversion and Headwaters program that covered the project overview and challenges, funding and timeline, and the collaborations and partnerships that made it possible. The final reclamation will be completed this fall. Members of the RT toured the site earlier in the day.
	<i>CRWCD Update on Dredge & Fill Legislation</i>
	Briesmoore summarized the background of HB24-1379, which passed in June 2024 and affects Colorado State waters.
10	Action Items
	Hinkemeyer noted there are no action items for this meeting.
11	Roundtable Projects and Committees
11a	<i>Big River Committee/IBCC</i>
11b	Jeff Meyers provided an update on the Big River Committee, discussing its focus on negotiating post-2026 operating guidelines for the Colorado River.
11c	Brenner gave an update on IBCC, which is working to hone in on its role and is prioritizing Low- and No-Regret ideas.
	<i>PEPO</i>
	Sally Cariveau reminded the group to volunteer for a shift for public outreach at upcoming events. The committee is putting out some new, 30 second public service radio ads
	<i>Grant Committee</i>
	Alfone gave an update on the grants committee, next meeting is October 9 th , 2024.
12	Division of Water Resources Report
	Mendi Figueroa gave an update on Data Logger Telemetry project.
13	Colorado River District Update
	Briesmoore gave updates on CRD. Next CRD board meeting is July 16 & 17.
14	Announcements
14a	<i>Environmental Representative Vacancy</i>
	Rich Thompson is resigning from his seat representing Industrial Water Interest
	Madison Muxworthy submitted a letter of resignation as Environmental Representative May 16 th 2024.
14b	<i>Yampa River Festival, Craig, July 20, 2024</i>
14c	<i>Colorado River District Seminar, Grand Junction, September 20, 2024</i>
14d	<i>Upper Yampa Youth Festival, September 25, 2024</i>
14e	<i>C-9 Summit, Crested Butte, October 1-2, 2024</i>
15	Dates and Tentative Agenda Items for Future Meetings
15a	Next YWGBRT meeting is September 11, 2024.
	<i>Upcoming BRT Agenda Items</i>
	Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership and the Juniper Ditch upgrades were discussed as presentations for future meetings.
16	Adjourn Meeting
	Brenner moved to adjourn. Thompson 2 nd , meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.