

**Interbasin Compact Committee
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting
Virtual Meeting
January 18, 2021**

Voting Members Present:

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| Thomas Alvey | North Fork WCD |
| Steve Anderson | Industrial |
| Mike Berry | Tri-County WCD |
| Sonja Chavez | At-Large Member |
| Mike Cleary | Crawford Water Conservancy District |
| Kathleen Curry | Saguache County |
| Allen Distel | Bostwick Park WCD |
| Joanne Fagan | Ouray Municipalities |
| Steve Fletcher | At-Large Member |
| Jonathan Houck | Gunnison County |
| John Justman | Mesa County |
| Jay Jutten | Montrose County |
| Austin Keiser | Grand Mesa WCD |
| Dixie Luke | At-Large Member |
| John McClow | House and Senate Ag Committees |
| Dan Murphy | Hinsdale Municipalities |
| Michael Murphy | Hinsdale County |
| Scott Murphy | Montrose Municipalities |
| Julie Nania | Upper Gunnison River WCD |
| Mark Ritterbush | Mesa Municipalities |
| Mark Roeber | Delta County |
| Neal Schwieterman | Recreational |
| Ron Shaver | At-Large Member |
| Adam Turner | Local Domestic Water Supplier |
| Richard Udd | Delta Municipalities |
| Martha Whitmore | Ouray County |

Voting Members Excused/Absent:

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| Bruce Bair | At-Large Member |
| Cary Denison | Environmental |
| Chuck Mitisek | Ute WCD |
| Bill Nesbitt | Gunnison Municipalities |
| Steve Shea | Agricultural |

Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Ryan Unterreiner (CPW Liaison), David Kanzer (River District)

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Public: Eric Krch (SGM), Robert Sakata (Ag Producer, Brighton, CO), Luke Gingerich (J-U-B Engineers), Alyson Gould (Colorado Water Trust), Heather Sackett (Aspen Journalism), Sam Liebl (Gunnison Country Times), Frank Kugel (Public), Martha Moore (Ed Committee, Public), Russ Sands (CWCB), Hannah Holm (Hutchins Water Center at CMU), Jesse Kruthaupt (Trout Unlimited), Matt Lindburg (Brown and Caldwell), Ed Harvey and Jessica Harvey (Harvey Economics – Consultant UGB).

Welcome

The virtual meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairperson Kathleen Curry.

Roll Call/Introductions

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

Approve Agenda

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Alan Distel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2020 Meeting

Kathleen Curry requested changes to spelling of two public attendees' names, Tom Alvey requested a change to clarify timing of projects brought to the January meeting, Ryan Unterreiner should be listed as CPW Liaison, and John Justman was shown as absent but was at the meeting.

Neal Schwieterman moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting as amended. John Justman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report from the CWCB Representative – Steve Anderson

Steve Anderson was unable to give his report due to technical difficulties with his audio connection.

Russ Sands filled in for Steve Anderson reporting the last board meeting was successful. The next meeting will be on January 25 and 26 when they will be discussing demand management again and the Phase 2 work plan. On the day after the board meeting there will be a “Riverside Chat” with Director Mitchell to discuss what is coming out of the BIP update. They are calling it the scoping phase of the water plan update which will wrap up around June of this year. In July they will begin writing. The first draft is scheduled for completion at the end of the first quarter of 2022 and finalized at the end of that year. In the afternoon on January 27 there will be an instream workshop as well.

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Education Committee Report – Dave Kanzer

Dave Kanzer reported on the Education Committee. The electronic newsletter went out highlighting Mr. Trampe's years of service and introducing Kathleen Curry as the new River District board member from Gunnison County, along with some pertinent news items.

Regarding the funding shortfall issues, North Fork Water Conservancy District has come up with \$100 per month to augment the budget. Dave would still like to work with Kathleen to send out a fundraising letter to reach out to other conservancy districts hoping to self-fund the education committee. The goal is to continue with a monthly newsletter.

Dave and Kathleen Curry will work on the letter of support for SWEAP.

Neal Schwieterman explained the plan for utilizing the funds meant for subsidizing student travel to the Eureka Center. At the last Roundtable meeting the Board agreed that Anita Evans and Friends of Youth and Nature could utilize the funds to transport kids to any water activity at this time due to COVID, but once that is over the funds will be restricted to travel only to the water center. If her board agrees Anita will sign an agreement and invoice the CWCB.

IBCC Report – Joanne Fagan

Joanne Fagan reported the IBCC has not met since the last GBRT meeting. The next meeting will be February 23.

IBCC Appointment Process – Kathleen Curry

Kathleen Curry discussed the IBCC appointment process and replacing Mr. Trampe as a GBRT representative. The person who fills the position needs to hold water rights. A candidate does not have to be a member of the Roundtable. People who are interested should send written statement of interest to Mike Berry. Mike will create and send out a google form poll to vote on the ballot of candidates, which will include each candidate's information and statement of interest. The successful candidate will need to be appointed with 90% approval. It is important for everyone to vote. The deadline for sending an email to get on the ballot is Friday, January 22.

BIP Update – Luke Gingerich

Luke Gingerich gave his report on the BIP Update. The last BIP meeting in December was about goals, strategies, and measurable outcomes. There were no major changes from the last BIP. The next meeting will be on the scope, what they are calling the IPP check in. They are getting close to the final IPP project list and hope to have it by the next meeting. The challenge now is to go through all 200 and some projects so the committee can make a final decision on them. The next step will be to begin drafting documents. The committee and local expert are responsible for drafting Volume 2 of the water plan update. The general contractor will be doing Volume 1.

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Weather modification modeling is being explored. They are going to be projecting the weather modification that is taking place in the upper Gunnison to some other regions in the Gunnison Basin that might be able to experience a similar effect.

Luke has also been working on the forest health IPP, which was discussed at the last meeting. He has it separated into 2 phases. Julia Nania is reviewing it for quality control. He is looking at forest health and watershed health to see where there might be potential projects.

A google poll has been sent out to determine the date of the next BIP meeting.

Harvey Economics Report Presentation – Ed Harvey

Ed Harvey and Jessica Harvey, Harvey Economics, gave a presentation titled Economic Impacts of Irrigation Water Curtailment Scenarios for the Upper Gunnison Basin. The study was about potential curtailment of post compact water rights and the economic impacts of curtailment, how that would affect ranchers, what would be the potential compensation and what would be the overall economic effects in the upper Gunnison Basin.

Grant Review Committee Report – Tom Alvey

Tom Alvey had no report on grants. The balance in the basin account is \$376,000 and Russ Sands said the basin account will most likely not get any more funding for 3 years. Tom continued stating the Committee's approach is to be frugal when awarding grants. He mentioned a grant Cary Denison is working on in the North Fork on a Stuart Ditch diversion. Cary was not present and there is no request yet, it is just information for a future request.

Public Comment

No comments.

Other Business

Kathleen Curry gave a legislative update. The legislature is not in session, they met briefly last week, and will reconvene on February 16. She expects about 300 bills to be introduced. Some water bills are being discussed. The focus of the general assembly will continue to be a limited budget, the COVID situation, a number of bills in response to the wolf reintroduction initiative, and the ongoing economic struggles of our state.

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Action Items

Dave Kanzer and Kathleen Curry to send out a letter to reach out to conservancy districts for potential additional funding for the Educational Committee.

Dave Kanzer and Kathleen Curry will work on a letter of support for SWEAP.

People who are interested in the IBCC representative position should send written statement of interest to Mike Berry by Friday, January 22. Mike Berry will create and send out a poll for member voting.

Future Meetings

The IBCC will meet on February 23, 2021.

The next Roundtable meeting will be on March 15, 2021.

There is a doodle poll circulating for the next BIP Committee meeting.

The River District will be having a Webinar meeting at noon on February 10, 2021 regarding the rollout of a partnership funding program.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Mike Berry, Recorder