

**Yampa/White/Green River  
Basin Roundtable  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday March 10, 2021  
Via GoToMeeting  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Alden Vanden Brink at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Introduction of Members and Audience:** Role call for quorum members in attendance were as follows: Alden Vanden Brink, Doug Monger, Tom Gray, Gary Moyer, Kelly Romero-Heaney, Steve Hinkemeyer, Ken Brenner, Mike Camblin, Shawn Welder, Hunter Causey, Callie Hendrickson, Brian Hodge, Will Myers, Kent Vertrees, Frank Alfone, Jeff Meyers, Jackie Brown, Jeff Comstock, Doug Davis, Deirdre Macnab, Chuck Grobe, Travis Day and Bill Badarracca.
3. **Approve/Modify Agenda:** Alden announced Director Mitchell will need to move to the May Roundtable meeting agenda as there was a conflicting CWCB meeting. Ken Brenner motioned to approve the agenda as modified, Deirdre Macnab seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review and Approve January 13, 2021 & February 10, 2021 Minutes:** Kelly Romero-Heaney motioned to approve the January and February Draft Meeting Minutes as presented, Doug Monger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Budget Report CWCB:** Sam Stein reported the State WSRF account balance is \$5,749,900; this balance will change after today's grant approvals. The Basin Balance is \$743,291. If the scheduled basin grant request is approved by the CWCB board later today the Basin balance will then be \$693,491. Sam reported the CWCB held a Demand Management workshop to discuss the Phase II work plan, including the development of straw man. The CWCB Board is working on Roundtable code of conduct and expectations to help meet communication needs and open meeting laws. BIPs will be shared via CWCB's engage site. Sam thanked Tom and Jeff for their demand management presentation to the IBCC. Upcoming events and workshops can be found at [engagewcb.org](http://engagewcb.org). Doug noted equitable apportionment concerns with WSRF state funding. Jojo La gave a [presentation](#) regarding the Colorado Water Plans environmental and recreation portions.
6. **Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** There was none.
7. **Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:**
  - a. **Yampa IWMP:** Nicole Seltzer gave a [presentation](#) regarding Yampa IWMP Action Plan Timeline. Hunter Causey gave an update on the IWMP budget Total budget \$510,000 spend \$175,000 of that so far (not including in kind). The bulk of remaining funds are for task 3 Demo project, 5 Field work and 6 Final Assessment. Brian Hodge gave a [presentation](#) outlining the Yampa River Basin Diversion Assessment Results. There were no questions from the group. Alden asked why the Snake River was not included in this project,

Nicole explained there was a lot of conversation around tributaries a year ago when project boundaries were selected. At the time it was decided, the 300 mile stretch selected would be difficult to work with in this project. Nicole encouraged stakeholders in that area to reach out. Ken Brenner motioned to accept the Diversion Assessment Final Report, Doug Monger seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Doug Monger reported the IWMP has identified a couple needs that were included in previous budget report from Hunter, but need to be approved by the Roundtable. Looking to make contract changes to add \$42,720 in additional services from CBI and \$21,020 for GIS work. Doug Monger motioned to approve contract changes as requested, Ken Brenner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Grant Committee Update/Presentations:** Steve Hinkemeyer gave a [presentation](#) summarizing three grant requests that were heard at the February Grant meeting, as well as the Grant Committee's recommended approvals.
  - i. Town of Oak Creek Sheriff's Reservoir Rehabilitation Grant**  
**Request:** Stephen Jamieson, WWWWheeler & Assoc., Dave Torgler and Tom Holliday, Town of Oak Creek gave a [presentation](#) summarizing their grant request. Ken Brenner encouraged the project to utilize the Upper Yampa conservancy District as a resource. Kelly Romero-Heaney voiced her support of the project and motioned to approve the Sheriffs Reservoir Rehabilitation Project grant request in the amount of \$73,750, Chuck Grobe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. City of Craig Yampa River Water Park Engineering Grant Request:**  
Dave Pike and Melanie Kilpatrick, City of Craig gave a [presentation](#) summarizing their grant request. Deirdre Macnab asked for clarification on location of diversion. Dave reported it will be at the current point of municipal water diversion dam, the hope is that people can enjoy recreation on the river from pebble beach to Loudy Simpson. Deirdre and Ken Brenner voiced their support for the project. Kent Vertrees asked if hydrology as been looked at yet regarding flows. Dave reported Riverwise helped initially with the project, particular flows were not identified, however it was noted that this project would not impact with City's ability to supply municipal water. Melanie reported flows will be pinpointed once they finalize engineering. Chuck Grobe motioned to approve the Yampa River Water Park Engineering plans in the amount of \$65,000, Doug Davis seconded. Steve Hinkemeyer abstained as he represents the City of Craig on the Roundtable board. The motion passed unanimously.
  - iii. TNC Maybell Ditch Telemetry Grant Request:** Jennifer Wellman, TNC and Mike Camblin, Maybell Irrigation District gave a [presentation](#) summarizing their grant request. Alden Vanden Brink asked what the service area of the Maybell ditch is. Mike reported there are 24 shareholders with approximately 2,500 agriculture acres being irrigated by the ditch, with a water right of 129 CFS. Ken Brenner voiced support of project. Brian Hodge noted multipurpose benefit of this project, and noted this project was at the top of the IWMP multipurpose project list. Doug

Monger voiced his concern with piecemealing projects like this. He is supportive of this project and its concepts, but noted the struggles with limiting how much WSRF money the Roundtable gives out each year and encouraged the Roundtable to find a way to fully approve projects like these instead of having the applicant come back several times to get their projects done. Ken Brenner motioned to approve the Maybell Diversion & Head gate Telemetry Project in the amount of \$34,000 in Basin funds and \$66,000 in Statewide funds, Brian Hodge seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Big River Committee Ratify 7 Principals and IBCC Update:** Jeff Meyers requested formal approval of the Demand Management Statement of 7 Principals. Doug Davis motioned to approve, Chuck Grobe seconded. Motion was approved unanimously. Jeff reported there will be a compatible version of the PowerPoint available on the website for Roundtable members to use.

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

- a. **BIP Update:** Lisa Brown with Wilson Water Group gave a [presentation](#) regarding the Basin Implementation Plan update. Ken Brenner asked when it would be appropriate to share draft BIP with Upper Yampa Conservancy Board, Lisa reported this will likely be in August.  
**DWR:** Erin Light reported over 100 people attended meeting regarding over appropriation. Meeting was recording and is available on the DWR [YouTube](#) channel.  
**White River Initiative:** Callie Hendrickson reported the grant was approved by the CWCB today. They will be holding interviews tomorrow to hire a coordinator.

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

- a. **PEPO Video Release:** Kelly Romero-Heaney reported the Basin Roundtable videos will be released on March 22, 2021 on World Water day at [YourWaterTable.org](#). Notifications will be sent out prior to release.
- b. **BRT Recorder:** Alden Vanden Brink reported the recorders resignation. The job has been posted on the website as well as in the local papers in all three counties. Alden requested interested parties be directed to website for further instruction.  
Steve Hinkemeyer reminded members the CSU Lyseimeter projected came to an end at the end of 2020. They will be sending a draft final report to Steve for review, interested parties are encouraged to reach out to Steve if they wish to review. Doug Davis requested time on the May agenda to discuss adding a seat to the Basin Roundtable for a new water conservancy District.

#### **10. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: May 12, 2021**

**11. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.