

**Yampa/White/Green River  
Basin Roundtable  
Agenda  
Wednesday September 8, 2021  
Location: CNCC Craig Campus  
2801 West 9th Street • Craig, CO 81625  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7575667369?pwd=ZnBJVFhmaS90b2RqWWVGNm94NWNZZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 757 566 7369

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Mike Camblin, Vice Chair of the YWG BRT, called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Introduction of Members and Audience:** Role call for quorum in attendance were Doug Monger, Tom Gray, Gary Moyer, Steve Hinkemeyer, Ken Brenner, Mike Camblin, Shawn Welder, Tim Winkler, Kacey Green, Hunter Causey, Callie Hendrickson, Brian Hodge, Will Myers, Kent Ventress, Jeff Meyers, Jackie Brown, Jeff Comstock, Doug Davis, Charles Whiteman, Deirdre Macnab, Bill Badaracca, Vince Wilczek, T. Wright Dickinson.
3. **Approve/Modify Agenda:** Remove agenda item 8g. IWMP. Change the date in agenda item 6 from February 9<sup>th</sup> to one week prior to each round table meeting. Bill B. moved to amend. Steve H. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review and Approve July 14, 2021 Minutes:** Diedre M. motioned to approve July 14, 2021 minutes. Bill B. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Budget Report & CWCB Staff Update:** (10 min) Sam Stein. Current balance for the WSRF account is \$693,000 in native funds plus \$61,000 in stimulus funds. Remaining \$61,000 needs to be approved by the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. With that leaving the native funds intact and using the stimulus funds first. Sam wants to thank everyone for their feedback with the BIP. Public comment period is Oct 13<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. If you missed the previous comment period, please make sure to comment during this one. After gathering the last of the edits, the timeline to present the Water Plan Draft is June of 2022. Upcoming board meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The Equity in Water Workshop is September 30<sup>th</sup> and encouraging anyone with interest to participate or listen in. [Equity in Water Workshop](#)
6. **Public Hearings/Public Input and Comment:** *\*For Public Comment, please email yampawhitegreen@gmail.com by September 1st to be placed on the agenda. Public Comment will also be available in person.* Mike C. reminded the BRT that Kelly Romero-Heaney has resigned

from her seat. Kelly will be honored as an Emerging Water Leader at the President's Reception, many congratulations and well wishes Kelly. Ken B. will step up to the role as the PEPO Chair. Doug M. and Ken B. will reach out to the Municipalities to get the ball rolling on appointing a new Routt County Municipality Appointment in time for the November elections. Steve H. suggested that it would be beneficial to agree upon someone to be a timekeeper for future meetings, so the meeting stays on track and doesn't run over.

## **7. Consideration/Action on Roundtable Projects:**

### **a. White River Management Plan/Programmatic Biological Opinion (30 min)**

Aleta Powers/ERO & Jojo La/CWCB discussed the Endangered Fish Recovery Program in regard to the [White River Management Plan](#). The goal is to cover and allow water depletions to occur while engaging Phase 1 Recovery Actions such as flow management/protection, habitat, NNF control, stock listed species and research and monitoring. While considering uncertainties like future water development, future flow augmentation and climate change. Draft Management Plan will start Fall of 2021. There will be several phases of Public Outreach and revised Management Plans with the goal of the Final Environmental Assessment/Programmatic Biological Opinion in Fall of 2022. Please email [Jojo.La@state.co.us](mailto:Jojo.La@state.co.us) or [apowers@eroresources.com](mailto:apowers@eroresources.com) for questions, concerns or feedback.

### **b. Maybell Ditch Update (20 min)**

Jennifer Wellman & Luke Gingerich gave a presentation on the [Maybell Diversion Update](#). This project is designed to construct improvements to the diversion structure and headgates on the Yampa River to the Maybell Ditch. This project will help modernize the headgate to better control water volume, enable Maybell Irrigation District to divert their full water rights, improve flows for non-consumptive uses such as fish and riparian habitat, reduce impacts and improve safety for recreational users. At this point the engineers are roughly 30% thru the process and have designed two head gate and diversion alternatives to choose from. Email Luke at [lgingerich@jub.com](mailto:lgingerich@jub.com) for questions, comments or concerns.

### **c. Allocation of 2022 Grant Funds (10 min)**

Steve Hinkemeyer reviewed the [2021 Grant Summary](#) and outlined the four projects. Total Basin Account Funds Available for 2022 are \$720,740 this includes \$27,250 from Covid Funds. Steve noted that the YWG BRT has the highest balance of all roundtables. Covid funds need to be approved by 2023 and spent by 2025. In light of that Steve moved to allocate up to \$500,000 for the 2022 YWG BRT Grant Program. Ken seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### **a. PEPO: (10 min)**

Patrick Stanko gave a brief [update](#): the print and radio advertisements have been running currently focusing on the BIP Update. If you have anything water related coming up send to [Patrick](#) and [Megan](#) so they can add to the website and send out notification reminders. The committee is working on

increasing its social media outreach. Yampatika is hosting a school field trip on October 13th in Craig at Loudy Simpson and looking for BRT members to participate in water education. As well they will be conducting a High School water seminar in Craig that will need additional participation. Lauren Hughes included the details of these events on the chat: *Wednesday, October 13th at Loudy-Simpson Park from about 9-2:30 (give or take). Six 30-minute rotations for ALL fifth-grade classes in Moffat County. If you are someone (or know someone) who would be interested in speaking to a high school chemistry and/or physics class about chemistry or physics as it relates to water, we also need your help.* Russ Sands informed the BRT that additional funding for the PEPO Committee is not readily available but they are hoping to leverage the upcoming Water 2022 which marks the 100 year anniversary of the Colorado River Compact and 75th anniversary of CWCB. He also noted that with some role changes on the CWCB side they are able to have someone focus more on PEPO related topics. Reminder the Public Awareness Survey coming up in October. Ken finished up with a brief recap of the [Colorado Water Congress Meeting](#). With that he stressed we need to work on a bigger outreach in regards to water and educating the public, one example being focusing on the current drought and “what does that mean to you” regardless of where you live.

- i. Committee Chair Appointment and Budget Approval– Callie moved to approve Ken Brenner as the new PEPO Committee Chair, Tim seconded, motion passed unanimously. The CWCB has \$6500 to go towards the PEPO committee. Patrick outlined the [budget for 2022](#). Steve moved to approve the 2022 budget as presented. Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Big River Committee/IBCC:** (10 min) Jeff Meyers & Tom Gray. Jeff recapped the four topics the BRC is currently focusing on planning on having a committee meeting in October. Amy Osdike informed the committee that the CWCB are working on a decision making roadmap for Demand Management. To surmise the roadmap asks A. is DM feasible in Colorado B. if so is it worthwhile C. is it advisable given all of the issues brought up in the feedback process. At this point there is no decision making timeline.
- c. **CWCB Update:** (10 min) Jackie Brown. The July meeting in regards to Demand Management presented great in person conversations and tackle some difficult questions. With that the CWCB was able to reframe the feedback from the workgroups. There are questions or concerns that they can answer this year but there are some questions concerns that until either a trial run is underway or we’re progressing thru the actual DM process they will not be able to be answered. A lot of the BRC questions cannot be addressed at this moment. As always please reach out to Jackie with any questions or concerns 970-819-2484. Jackie shared a great report

in regards to [Lessons Learned from Colorado Experiences with Interstate Compact Administration](#).

- d. **DWR Update:** (10 min) Erin Light. Yampa River was called twice near Lilly Park. One call was honored and the call was lifted quickly due to rain. The other call was not honored due to pilot water still in route down stream. Releases for recovery program started on July 17th and ran through August 5th and shut off due to rain. Releases resumed on August 12th and are still occurring at 50 CFS at Elkhead Creek. Project pilot water from River District call happened in July, released on August 12th, call was taken off on Sept 3rd as of now 1200 AF has been released with 300 AF left. Closely monitoring the river now that the rain has ceased. No pilot water in the river at this time. Reminder that water released from Elkhead Creek can take up to 5 days to get to Lilly Park pumps. At Elkhead Creek there is 677 AF for the agricultural pool and that has all been contracted out. Some is being released at Smith Ditch is taking 8 CFS the Norvel Creek is contracted to be able to take water. White River received some water from Lake Avery on Aug 12th or 13th at 10 CFS, the river already had 200 CFS but it was dropping quickly. Working on that gauging station to clean up the monitoring on the hydrograph. On August 19th Kevin Rein put on a Measurement Rule Meeting available on YouTube. More stakeholder meetings to come in the future. Future Over Appropriation public meeting on October 25th in Hayden.
- e. **Grant Committee** (10 min) Steve Hinkemeyer. See agenda item 7c.
- f. **WRIWI:** (10 min) Callie Hendrickson. White River Water Initiative engineers are moving things right along. The Planning Advisory Committee have met four times already and are scheduled to meet again in September and November and have speakers lined up to present. They have conducted several outreach meetings with up to 70 attendees and have four more scheduled. Diversion assessments are completed. Now embarking on the Riparian assessments and hoping to have those done this fall.

## 9. Announcements:

- a. Reminder the Yampa-White-Green [BIP](#) Update is ready to be reviewed by BRT members. The BRT review period is from August 10 through September 13, 2021. BRT members can provide comments through [engagecwcb.org](https://engagecwcb.org). If you are a BRT member and need help getting access to [engagecwcb.org](https://engagecwcb.org), please contact Lisa Brown at [Lisa.Brown@wilsonwatergroup.com](mailto:Lisa.Brown@wilsonwatergroup.com).

## 10. Dates and Agenda Items for Future Meetings: November 10, 2021

- a. November 10, 2021, At-large elections, and BRT Officers appointments
- b. IWMP Action Item of BRT approving Grant.

**11. Adjournment:** Ken moved to adjourn meeting. Steve seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.