

Minutes of NPBR Meeting: 6-18-19
USFS Conf. Room (7-9 PM) 100 Main Street, Walden, CO

Members/Liaisons Present

*Mike Allnutt
 *Wade Allnutt
 *Jim Baller
 Paula Belcher (BLM)
 *Kent Crowder
 *Mark Hackleman
 *Carl Trick II
 Curtis Utley (CSU Ext.)
 *Pat VanValkenberg
 *Barbara Vasquez
 *Ty Wattenberg
 Tara Wertz
 *Rick Wyatt
 Jeremiah Zamora (USFS)

Members/Liaisons Absent

*Blaine Evans
 *Scott Fischer
 David Graf (CPW)
 Debbi Heeney (NRCS)
 *Mike Honholz
 *Randy Miller
 *John Rich

Others Present

Lauren Berrien (Water Commissioner)
 Erin Light (Div 6 Engineer)
 Elgin Turner (CWCB)
 Kincaid Waldron (Water Commissioner)

I. Introductions/Agenda Review

Agenda was reviewed. Kent made the motion to approve, Carl seconded the motion and the agenda was accepted.

II. Approval of Minutes for NPBR 5-21-19 meeting

The minutes of the 5-21-19 meeting were reviewed. Carl made the motion to approve, Wade seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

III. Membership

Ty reported that he had contacted John Rich to determine whether he wanted to continue to serve on the RT and as one of the IBCC reps, considering his part-time residence in North Park. John offered his resignation. Ty thanked him for his long service on the RT. He asked Mike Allnutt whether he wanted to continue to serve as an IBCC rep. Due to his schedule, Mike preferred to step away from that task but will continue to serve on the RT. Ty asked all the attending members to consider whether they would be willing to serve as IBCC representative, and to contact him if interested. The RT membership list was displayed and corrections solicited.

North Platte Basin Roundtable Membership

Voting Members	Position/function	email address
Mike Allnutt*	Ag Rep & Co-Rep to IBCC	gwenallnutt@gmail.com
Jim Baller *	Michigan River Water Conservancy District	ballerranch@yahoo.com
Kent Crowder*	Town of Walden Rep	kentcrowder47@gmail.com
Randy Miller*	Recreation Rep	randy@npeng.com
John Rich*	Jackson County Rep and Co-Rep to IBCC	jdrichland@centurytel.net
Carl Trick II*	Jackson County Water Conservancy District	CTrick33@aol.com
Barbara Vasquez*	Recorder & Environmental Representative	bv_99_munich@yahoo.com
Blaine Evans*	Water rights holder	evanscattleco5@gmail.com
Ty Wattenberg*	Chair and Legislative Representative	twattenberg@gmail.com
Rick Wyatt*	Vice Chair & Industrial Rep	RickW96125@aol.com
Pat VanValkenberg*	Water rights holder	pvan661@yahoo.com
Mark Hackleman	Approved agent for Walden Reservoir Company	
Wade Allnutt	Water rights holder	wadeallnutt@gmail.com
NonVoting Liaisons		
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Paula Belcher	BLM	pbelcher@blm.gov
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Deb Heeney	NRCS	debbi.heeney@co.usda.gov
Craig Godbout	Basin contact for CWCB	craig.godbout@state.co.us

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With John's resignation, the County Commissioners will decide on a replacement for the County Representative on the RT. An updated membership list will be distributed once the decisions are finalized.

IV. Report on Education & Outreach – Curtis Utley, Education Liaison

Curtis reported on information that was also discussed at the Education & Outreach meeting held in advance of this meeting.

A. He proposed an acquisition for youth education: A water table where kids can explore how water moves across a landscape and how water can change the land. We could use the water table at the annual water carnival, fair, and as a school enrichment activity during the school year.

B. A workshop for young producers: Ty mentioned he has discussed hosting an Irrigation/irrigator workshop to teach the best practices for wild flood irrigation techniques.

C. Greg Peterson of the Colorado Agricultural Water Alliance has proposed they put on a presentation/workshop in North Park with a suggested date in November.

Discussion topics could include:

- Ditch and irrigation inventory projects.

- Pushup dam replacement

- Rip-rap diversion structure replacement

- People from other watersheds to speak to projects completed

- Possible grant writers who can lend assistance.

- 1. Grant guide will be ready for the fall.

- Update on Ducks unlimited project.

- Rec use benefits and connecting rec use companies to help fund water projects.

There was discussion about topics and dates. Wade suggested it might be best to hold it in conjunction with the mid-March Stock Grower's meeting to maximize attendance.

Alternatively it could be the first week or two in Dec.

D. Info-graphic

We discussed the info-graphic produced by other basins at last meeting. An example of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable and South Platte Basin Roundtable info-graphics were passed around. It had been suggested at the last meeting that it might be printed in a flat layout for use in local restaurants as place mats. Discussion ensued about content. Many thought a larger scale map that might fill half the layout would help promote public access recreation. Carl asked Tara if she had a map for the Refuge. She said she had a trifold but could provide layers to build a map. Barbara offered to help coordinate the map construction with Tara and Curtis. Content on the other half could highlight water in North Park, its uses and benefits. Curtis mentioned that the new owner of the Rand Store has been handing out a lot of the North Platte Basin magazines that the RT produced and Curtis is out. Kent said he had more that Curtis could have.

Curtis mentioned he has good relationship with Nolan Doesken and Reagen Wascom if the RT wanted either to come speak to us. CoCoRAS was started by Nolan. Curtis suggested that if any of the RT members wanted to participate in the CoCoRAS data gathering (citizen science) that the Education Committee might use some of its funds to buy the rain gauges. Curtis also has some of the hail pads and if needed, we could build some of our own using the existing pads as design guides. Carl said there were 2 weather stations in the park feeding data into CoAgMet (wind, precipitation, temperature). A receiver in Curtis's office publishes the collected data to the website.

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- V. *Workshop to update Basin Implementation Plan*** –All, led by Ty Wattenberg
Ty proposed we use the analysis done by CWCB on the North Platte Basin Roundtable BIP as a preliminary structure for the update. Barbara projected the relevant section of the BIP while we considered each comment on the spreadsheet provided by CWCB. It was agreed that we would return to the executive summary content once the remainder of the BIP had been reviewed. Barbara will create a spreadsheet of the results of this workshop and distribute it to the RT members (voting & liaison) to review in anticipation of continuing this work at our next meeting. In that spreadsheet, the reference numbers refer to the page number of the BIP. The comment is the result of our discussion. If there was an associated action item, it was captured and the person assigned listed.
- VI. *CWCB/IBCC*** – Curran Trick, John Rich and Mike Allnutt
CWCB: No update.
IBCC: No report. Mike reported he was unable to attend.
- VII. *Old Business/New Business***
Old: Ty reminded the RT members of the C-9 conference to be held on Sept 25-26 in Granby and asked for those who might want to attend to contact him.

New: Erin Light was asked about the new abandonment list. It's preliminary and not yet available to the public but the Commissioners will be in contact individual water rights holders on the preliminary list to discuss their situation. Statewide criteria are being used for both full and partial abandonment. The previous abandonment list did not result in any reapplication for junior rights. The Ross Reservoir is still working its way through the protest process. And the "Wasting Water Guidelines" document is in the process of being amended.
- VIII. *Date for the next meeting***
Meeting was set for Tuesday September 17 at 7pm.