

**Interbasin Compact Committee  
Gunnison Basin Roundtable Meeting  
Virtual and In-Person Meeting  
Delta  
November 18, 2024**

**Voting Members Present:**

Steve Anderson	Agricultural
Bruce Bair	At-Large Member
Sonja Chavez	Upper Gunnison River WCD
Mike Cleary	Crawford Water Conservancy District
Kathleen Curry	Saguache County
Bobbie Daniel	Mesa County
Allen Distel	Bostwick Park WCD
Joanne Fagan	Ouray Municipalities
Nancy Fishing	Montrose County
Steve Fletcher	At-Large Member
Jonathan Hare	Environmental
Jonathan Houck	Gunnison County
Austin Keiser	Grand Mesa WCD
Wendell Koontz	At-Large Member
John McClow	House and Senate Ag Committees
Michael Murphy	Hinsdale County
Scott Murphy	Montrose Municipalities
Bill Nesbitt	Gunnison Municipalities
Jim Plumhoff	Industrial
Steve Pope	At-Large Member
Mark Ritterbush	Mesa Municipalities
Mark Roeber	Delta County
Neal Schwieterman	Recreational
William Tedrow	Delta Municipalities
Dave Traylor	Ute WCD
Adam Turner	Local Domestic Water Supplier
Martha Whitmore	Ouray County
Henry Woods	Hinsdale Municipalities
Jerry Young	Tri-County WCD

**Voting Members Excused/Absent:**

Thomas Alvey	North Fork WCD
Mark LeValley	At-Large Member
Vacant	Colorado River WCD

**Liaisons and Non-Voting Members Present:**

Sharon Dunning (Assistant Recorder), Raquel Flinker (CRWCD), Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB), Bob Hurford (DWR), Ryan Unterreiner (CPW).

**Public:**

Lori Hobbs (Deutsch Domestic Water Co.), Paul Kehmeier (Co Dept Ag), Karen Good and Bill Hughes (Terror Creek Ditch and Reservoir Co.), Cindy Dozier (Club 20), Greg Peterson (Colorado Ag Water Alliance), Bailey Friedman (UGRWCD), Katya Schloesser (CEEE, University of Colorado Boulder), Jon Hare (High Country Conservation Advocate), Tanya Ishikawa (Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership), William Tedrow (City of Delta).

**Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairperson Wendell Koontz.

**Roll Call/Introductions**

After roll call a quorum was declared to be present.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Agenda Approval**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from the September 16, 2024 Meeting**

Bill Nesbitt moved to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting as submitted. Jim Plumhoff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Membership Election (Wendell Koontz)**

Following are the election results for open seats, IBCC representatives, and officers on the Roundtable:

- a. Environmental At-Large
  - Jonathon Hare with High Country Conservation Advocates gave a brief statement of his experience and knowledge of the area.

Bruce Bair moved to appoint Jonathan Hare to the Environmental At-Large seat. Sonja Chavez seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Delta County Municipalities

Two candidates were presented for the open Delta County Municipalities seat:

- Stefen Wynn, Town of Paonia, was not present at the meeting.
- Bill Tedrow, City of Delta, gave a brief statement of his background.

Wendell Koontz was the tie breaker choosing Bill Tedrow as the Delta County Municipalities representative.

c. IBCC Representative

There were two candidates from the Gunnison Basin Roundtable for the primary and alternate IBCC seats. Kathleen Curry and Joanne Fagan each gave a statement. This election was held by paper ballot. The results were:

- Primary – Kathleen Curry
- Alternate – Joanne Fagan

- d. GBRT Recorder
- e. GBRT Vice Chair
- f. GBRT Chair

John McCloy moved for all nominations to cease and the current officers be elected by acclimation. Marti Whitmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**Education Committee Report (Savannah Nelson)**

Savannah Nelson reported on PEPO efforts, including:

- Ongoing business:
  - Seasonal digital newsletter
  - Letter to Editor campaign
  - 2025 PEPO grant approval
- Two new projects:
  - Update to the Gunnison Basin handbook
  - Hold three in-person water-related educational talks to the community and record for the Roundtable website

At the January meeting the plans for the handbook will be presented and recipients of PEPO grants will give presentations.

**Grant Review Committee Report (Kathleen Curry)**

Kathleen Curry presented the following items:

a. Terror Creek Ditch Company – Colorado Ag Water Alliance

This project is for \$50,000 from the Basin and \$205,000 from State funds for rehabilitation of the Terror Ditch diversion and 1.1 mile of pipe across a steep slide area.

Allen Distel moved to approve the screening committee recommendation for \$50,000 from Basin funds and \$205,000 from State funds for the Terror Creek Ditch Company rehabilitation and piping project. Bill Nesbitt seconded and the motion carried. Bruce Bair recused.

Allen Distel amended his motion to approve \$50,000 from Basin funds and \$215,000 from State funds for the Terror Creek Ditch Company rehabilitation and piping project. Mark Roeber seconded and the motion carried.

b. Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative, Letter of Support – R. Lloyd

Bill Nesbitt moved the GBRT send the letter of support. Steve Pope seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Deutch Domestic Water Company, Inc (DDWC), Update to Previous Letter of Support – R. Hobbs

Steve Pope moved to update and send the letter of support. Bobbi Daniel seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

d. HEART Force Drought Resilience Game, Letter of Support – K. Schloesser

Neal Schwieterman moved to provide a letter of support. Allen Distel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

e. Keira Johnson, PhD Student at Oregon State University, Request for Letter of Collaboration

Bill Nesbitt moved to provide a letter of collaboration for Keira Johnson. John McClow seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Bill Nesbitt requested Keira to report back to the Roundtable.

**Colorado Water Conservation Board Report (J. Rodriguez)**

Jeff Rodriguez gave updates on the following:

- CWCB Guide
- Federal funding opportunities
- B2E funding deadline

- Governor's budget proposal
- Prop JJ sports betting revenue

### **Colorado River District Update (R. Flinker and D. Kanzer)**

Raquel Flinker updated the Roundtable on the following:

- March 17, 2025 State of the River Meeting
- Fourth quarterly board meeting
- Community Funding Partnership
- Accelerator grants
- "Dredge and fill" regulation
  - Draft coming in December (HB24-1379)
  - Presentation in January
- Update on Shoshone
  - Contributing partners
  - Applying for the B2E funds (\$40M)
- Natural Flows of Gunnison River – long term trends
- Gunnison Outdoor Resources Protection (GORP) Act
- Dust and Snow Melt Meeting

### **Colorado River Zebra Mussel Update (Robert Sakata and Robert Walters)**

Robert Walters, Invasive Species Manager, DOW, gave a presentation on Zebra Mussels in the Colorado River. He discussed plans for eradication, containment and prevention.

### **Interbasin Compact Committee Report (J. Fagan, M. Roeber)**

Joanne Fagan reported the committee has not met since the last GBRT meeting. The committee will meet again in February 2025. Anyone with comments on No and Low Regrets should get those to Joanne.

### **Legislative Update (K. Curry)**

Kathleen Curry reported on the following legislative items:

- Water Resources and Ag Review Committee is pushing forward 2 bills:
  - Back-flow prevention inspection bill
  - Bill to establish a task force to look at severance tax and water funding
- General assembly convenes on January 8. There are 22 new house members.
- DNR budget is on the next Joint Budget Committee agenda.
- Presentation on December 2 regarding Severance tax.

**Other Business**

Jeff Rodriguez has provided an abbreviated BIP projects list, and Wendell would like to dedicate 30-45 minutes at the next 3 roundtable meetings to update the list and get it back to CWCB by July 2025.

GBRT members discussed moving meetings back to Montrose. Some members offered to look into meeting rooms in Montrose, and Jeff Rodriguez mentioned funds are available. This will be a topic for January.

**Future Meetings**

The next regular Roundtable meeting is January 20, 2025 in the Roubideau Room in Delta, CO. The March meeting will be in Montrose.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Roundtable, the meeting was declared adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Adam Turner, Recorder

**Action Items**

Provide four letters:

- Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative Letter of Support
- Deutch Domestic Water Company, Inc (DDWC), Update to Previous Letter of Support.
- HEART Force Drought Resilience Game, Letter of Support
- Keira Johnson, PhD Student at Oregon State University, Letter of Collaboration