

IBCC Colorado River Basin

January 30, 2023 CBRT Minutes.

1. Recorder: These minutes were prepared by Ken Ransford, Esq., CPA, 970-927-1200, ken@kenransford.com.
2. Today's January 30, 2023, meeting was conducted by Zoom and held in person at the Colorado River District Office.
3. **CBRT Members Present:** Paul Bruchez, Stan Cazier, Kathy Chandler-Henry, Kirsten Kurath, Kelly McNicholas Kury, Diane Johnson, Randi Kim, Merrit Linke, April Long, Ed Moyer, Ken Ransford, Scott Schreiber, Charles Spickert, Jason Turner, Greg Williams, Kim Albertson, Peggy Bailey, Zach Margolis, Richard Vangytenbeek, Josh Blanchard, James Dilzell, Ty Jones, Kathy Kitzman, Carlyle Currier
4. **Guests:** Tyler Benton, Phil Bertrand, Shawn Bruckman, Kate Burchenal, Abby Burk, Claire Carroll, James Conrad, Ali Dahl, Tyler Desiderio, Angie Fowler, Kendra Fuller, Brent Gardner-Smith, Ashley Garrison, Charlie Gunther, Eric Heil, Paul Hempel, Hannah Holm, Nathan Jahns, Brendan Langenhuizen, Heather Lewin, Vanessa Logsdon, Seth Mason, S. Morris, James Pansing, Libby Pansing, Dave Payne, Katie Randall, Rachel Richards, Jeff Rodriguez, Kathy Schipper, Paula Stepp, Lisa Tasker, Kendra Fuller Tully, Richard Vangytenbeek, Guy Walker, Cory Williams, Taylor Winchell
5. **Jeff Rodriquez, CWCB report.**
 - a. Ashley Garrison, regional grant coordinator for Water Plan Grants, was introduced.
 - b. Ashley will be assisting the Colorado, Gunnison, and Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtables and their constituents with Water Plan Grant funding opportunities.
 - c. A WSRF budget calculator is on the CWCB's WSRF project web page.
 - d. The Wildfire Ready Watersheds program is accepting grant applications.
 - e. Local Capacity and Technical Assistance grants are available through December 2024 to help entities obtain federal money.
6. Jason Turner was selected as a Basin Water Hero for the Colorado River Basin for 2023 at the CWCB Water Plan Celebration in Denver.
7. **Paul Bruchez CWCB Report.** Paul commended Jason on being selected as a Basin Water Hero.

- a. The Water Plan was celebrated at the January meeting of the Colorado Water Congress.
 - b. Paul recommends that CBRT members read Chapter 6 of the Water Plan.
8. The CBRT has \$800,000 of WSRF grant funding to expend, after awarding \$200,000 to the Grand Valley Water User's Association in November 2022.
 - a. \$300,000 is the normal allocation each year.
9. **WSRF grant request in the amount of \$48,000 by Grand Valley Irrigation Company** for the ML-260 Lateral Piping Project to pipe 3,500' presented by **Charlie Gunther**.
 - a. Stan Cazier recommended approval for the \$48,000 grant request, and Richard VanGytenbeek seconded it. It **passed unanimously**.
10. **WSRF grant request in the amount of \$241,770 by Colorado River District for Airborne Snow Observatory flights.** Grant request presented by **Kate Burchenal** of Airborne Snow Observatories, **Brandon Langenhuisen** of the Colorado River District, and **Taylor Winchell** of Denver Water.
 - a. Diane Johnson made a motion to approve the grant request, Carlyle seconded it, and the proposal for \$241,770 total, \$34,628 for 2023, and \$200,000 for 2024, and \$7,142 for a 3% administrative fee. Jason Turner recused himself. It **passed unanimously**.
11. **WSRF grant request in the amount of \$84,754 by Middle Colorado Watershed Council for Roan Creek fish barrier project.** Grant request presented by **Paula Stepp** and **Scott Schreiber**.
 - a. April Long motioned approval, and Richard VanGytenbeek seconded it. It **passed unanimously**.
12. **WSRF grant request from Blue River Watershed Council for Swan River Valley Restoration Project.** Grant request presented by **Kendra Tully**
 - a. A number of Roundtable Members were concerned that there was not more local financial support for the project. It was suggested that the applicants address the questions raised by the Roundtable Membership and bring the request back at a future meeting.
 - b. The applicant agreed to come back at a future meeting with answers to the questions raised.
13. **Sub-Basin Reports**

- a. Peggy Bailey reported on Blue River projects, mentioned that entities in Summit County will be making several requests for projects in the next year, some of which involve getting water to land to support affordable housing projects.
- b. April Long reported that there were ten projects in Roaring Fork basin 2022 BIP Update, some of these projects have already been completed but anticipates that the remaining projects may seek Roundtable funding.