

**Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District conducted a regular meeting via Zoom video/teleconferencing on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present: Rosemary Carroll, Joellen Fonken, Rebie Hazard, Stacy McPhail, Julie Nania, Bill Nesbitt, John Perusek, Don Sabrowski, George Sibley, and Andy Spann.

Others present:

Sonja Chavez, General Manager

Ashley Hom, US Forest Service

Paul Jones, Wet Meadows Project

Jesse Kruthaupt, Trout Unlimited

Joe Lavorini, Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator, National Forest Foundation

Samuel Liebl, Gunnison Country Times

John McClow, General Counsel

Beverly Richards, Water Resource Specialist

Bob Robbins, Concerned Citizen

Jill Steele, Office Manager

Sue Uerling, Administrative Assistant

Board members not present: President Michelle Pierce

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Stacy McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director George Sibley seconded approval of the agenda as circulated. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll yes

Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10 – 0.

3. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Director Joellen Fonken moved and Director Rebie Hazard seconded approval of the consent agenda. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0.

Based on the submission of Jesse Kruthaupt’s contract invoice and explanation/photos of work completed, Director George Sibley commended Jesse on all of the work he is accomplishing.

4. LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

A. General Counsel John McClow briefly reviewed the Gunnison County Electric Association (GCEA) proposal for a Lease of Power Privilege (LOPP) to install a hydropower generation plant in the existing facility at Taylor Park Dam. John commented that he feels it is fine if GCEA wants to build the facility and that the District has always supported this measure, but John

wants assurance of the following: (1) Water for the facility must always be “run of the river” with releases controlled by the decrees; (2) GCEA cannot apply for a water right; and (3) GCEA cannot claim any benefits under the 1975 Agreement. As an action item, John would insist that GCEA sign an updated version of the agreement that was included in the Board packet with these conditions. There was discussion that GCEA will create an LLC with Uncompahgre Valley Water Users (UVWUA) to build and operate the facility. Director Bill Nesbitt questioned whether or not this could create an issue with succession down the road. John said he will be sure there is language protecting the District from any succession issues. John also stated that there is language in the Lease of Power Privilege proposal that Uncompahgre may lease water to the GCEA, but John indicated that depending on whether the water being released is first or second-fill, it may not be Uncompahgre’s water being released. He is going to contact Uncompahgre to address this issue. John recommends that the District support the LOPP proposal subject to the conditions noted and that GCEA and Uncompahgre enter into an agreement with the District.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director John Perusek seconded the motion to approve that Manager Sonja Chavez be authorized to sign the agreement with GCEA and UVWUA allowing them to install a hydropower generation plan in the existing facilities at Taylor Park Dam with the conditions noted included in the revised agreement. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0.

B. Legislative Matters – Dylan Roberts has moved to a different committee and Jeni Arndt will chair the House Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee. She has supported water rights in the past. The Colorado Legislature convened

for three days and will not come back into session again until February 16, 2021. Therefore, John will let the Legislative Committee know after that date when there are issues to discuss.

5. GENERAL MANAGER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board received the January 2021 General Manager & Committee Reports in their packets.

A. Taylor Local User Group (TLUG) Appointments

Manager Sonja Chavez briefly reviewed the TLUG operations and terms as outlined in the memo in the Board packets and requested action on the three positions requiring renewed appointments.

Director Julie Nania moved and Director Rebie Hazard seconded appointments to the Taylor Local Users Group as follows: Roark Kiklevich, representing wade fisherman, Andy Spann, representing irrigation users along the Taylor and Gunnison Rivers and Pete Dunda, representing Taylor River property owners along the Taylor and Gunnison Rivers. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0.

Vice President Stacy McPhail and General Manager Sonja Chavez thanked the TLUG representatives for their time and efforts.

B. Executive Committee

Manager Sonja Chavez briefly reviewed the January 4 2021 meeting details as outlined in the memo included in the packet. Vice President Stacy McPhail

stated that the Executive Committee is recommending approval of the 2021 Salary Compensation Ranges to be used as an evaluation tool for keeping District compensation levels in-line with current market trends in the water industry. The compensation ranges will be reviewed on a tri-annual basis.

Director Joellen Fonken moved and Director Rosemary Carroll seconded the motion to approve the 2021 Salary Compensation Ranges as recommended by the Executive Committee. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0.

General Manager Sonja Chavez also discussed performance reviews for the staff. Staff self-evaluations will now be a part of the performance review process. These will be submitted to their supervisor(s) and will be the basis of their performance evaluation discussion with their supervisor. Her goal is to have self-evaluations completed in June; all performance reviews completed in July; and, any salary adjustments and/or merit increases outlined in August so that these can be incorporated into the District's draft budget in September. General Counsel John McClow will review the performance review processes to make sure they comply with employment law requirements.

Sonja also reviewed the Executive Committee's discussion about Drought Planning and her recommendation that the District work with local entities to implement a consistent message about drought education. She would like to offer the Board and other interested entities/individuals an opportunity to learn more about "Fostering Sustainable Behavior" through community-based social marketing efforts as presented by Doug McKenzie-Mohr. There will be a conference call this week to discuss Doug's training options. Director Joellen Fonken expressed concern that the District should not just use social media to reach people as, with the pandemic, some people have stepped away from

social media and so the District should explore other ways to transmit the drought message. Sonja clarified that a “social marketing” campaign uses all types of media and other methods to educate the public . Sonja said that the Governor’s Phase 3 State Drought Response Program was enacted. Although none of our municipal entities are covered entities, there needs to be ongoing discussion with all water users about responsible water use during drought, including municipalities. Director Bill Nesbitt said he has talked to Mayor Jim Gelwicks about delaying turning on the City Ditch system and he wanted to correct Sonja’s memo to show that in 2013 turning on the ditches was delayed by 20 days, not 10, and that there was a savings of 945 acre-feet of water. Director Nesbitt wants the District to ensure that City participation in delaying turning on the ditch not be seen as an abandonment of their water right.

C. Grant Committee

General Manager Sonja Chavez reviewed the two Grant Committee meetings since the last Board meeting and noted that the entire Grant packet has been reviewed and now includes templates and clear instructions, which should greatly facilitate application review and ranking and the District’s movement from award to contract. The guidelines are now consistent with the grant policy. Director Bill Nesbitt questioned whether or not the term “farm” should be changed to “ranch” in the documents.

Manager Sonja Chavez asked for the whole Board to weigh in on whether or not irrigation efficiency projects, such as pivot sprinkler systems, should be allowed for consideration under the program. She pointed out that taking action to fund such projects may affect irrigation return flows and groundwater levels and could have negative effects for neighboring and downstream water users. Vice President Stacy McPhail stated that there is a lifespan to such irrigation systems and that they require a lot of maintenance, so she was not comfortable with District funds being used for systems like this that may not be operational down the road. Stacy also stated she was not in favor of supporting a project that just benefits one water user. Director George Sibley agreed with this statement and Director Rebie Hazard feels the District would be taking on a lot of risk funding a center pivot. Director Don Sabrowski also said this can create a lot of negative effects for users downstream. While Director Rosemary Carroll agrees with the consensus of the Board that additional studies are needed to determine the long-term effects of irrigation efficiencies, she feels that there are a lot of unknown factors and risks at this point but is concerned that not just one study is going to give us all of this data needed to determine the best outcomes. She said clarifying this is really important, and at present, there is a clear gap in knowledge about such effects.

Director Stacy McPhail expressed concerns about how many resources the District should be allocating for such studies. Director Andy Spann asked if we are just concerned about central pivot systems or other irrigation systems too? Director Bill Nesbitt is concerned that if we put too many stipulations on the applicant to convey the efficiency of their projects by asking them to spend money on engineering and studies, we may lose applicants. There was also discussion about whether irrigation efficiency should be part of the Grant process or moved under Water Management Planning. Director Julie Nania asked about how we will view efficiency for municipal projects as well. Director George Sibley recommended that until we have clear data from studies about irrigation efficiency results, the District should just review each application and make decisions on a case by case basis . He suggested that the District learn by doing going forward. It was discussed that the District has a history of funding such projects in the past and that the District can get some helpful data from the results of demonstration projects previously funded, as well as from the work anticipated under the District's engineering contract. Because of the updates to the grant policy and procedures, the consensus of the Board was that if the grant applications show a multi-resource benefit; give the District new helpful data about water efficiency and that adjacent and downstream landowners are made aware of and support the application, then the District should move forward in accepting such grant applications, while continuing to explore resources/studies to provide up-to-date information about groundwater and surface water interactions. It was also clarified that priority would be given to "wet water" projects. Several Board members promoted the concept of having a "Informational Grant Training" to assist potential applicants with questions about the application and the viability of their projects. General Manager Sonja Chavez indicated that staff is always available to help applicants throughout the process but cannot actually write an application for someone. Staff had discussed doing a grant informational webinar and upon hearing this input from the Board she will go forward with implementing.

Sonja also announced that the USGS will be embarking on a 10-year *Next Generation Water Observing System* that can help provide needed data about groundwater and surface water interactions.

There was also discussion about funding research and monitoring projects and projects where the applicant is funded by tax dollars (e.g., municipalities or federal government). Sonja pointed out that the District has supported both research and monitoring projects in the past and that the results were beneficial to the District's long term goals and objectives and needs. Stacy reiterated that she would prefer that the majority of the District funding

support “wet water” projects. Director Rosemary Carroll stated that the research and monitoring projects can be crucial for the district in a lot of ways but the District's funding priorities may be dependent upon the types of applications received in any given year.

With respect to applications submitted by tax-supported entities, there was a lot of discussion about whether or not the District should be funding projects like porta-potties. Director George Sibley pointed out that if there is pollution flowing into a stream or river due to the lack of a porta-potty, then the District would be remiss not to consider this. General Manager Sonja Chavez pointed out that because the District requires a 50 percent match, it is not uncommon for applicants to have some of their matched funds coming from tax-supported entities like the Forest Service or BLM. Director Julie Nania asked if the Board is suggesting a more specific policy about funding applicants that are supported or partially supported by tax dollars. Sonja stated that for now, she would like to leave the policy as is and address such applications on a case by case basis and emphasized the amount of work we need to accomplish in our basin and how important those partnerships are to meeting our resource improvement goals. Ashley Hom from the US Forest Service was on the Zoom conference and Director Bill Nesbitt asked her to weigh in on the subject. Ashley explained that because Congress had not previously allocated any funding for the Forest Service to address failing bathroom infrastructure, she was very grateful to be able to be able to seek and receive funding for such projects from the District. She stated that it really was an emergency situation that was solved with the porta-potties and that she does not see the Forest Service asking for any additional porta-potty funding as this has been budgeted for by Congress for the next few years.

General Counsel John McClow explained that since the recommendation from the Grant Committee was to approve the Grant Policy as presented, only a motion would be required, not a second.

George Sibley moved for adoption of the January 25th, 2021, amended District Grant Policy. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes

John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0

General Manager Sonja Chavez indicated that staff conducted a comprehensive review of the grant program between 2015 and 2020. There were a number of District grant awarded projects that were either cancelled or never implemented. Because of the time elapsed on some of those projects (e.g., 2015-2018), the Grant Committee agreed that new applications should be re-submitted and compete in a future grant funding cycle. Also, in some instances, a grant awarded project actually came in under budget so there were unused funds leftover from their grant. Therefore, there is currently a balance of \$87,469.26 of funds that are unexpended, unclaimed, and available to be rolled into the 2021 and future grant cycles should such funds be needed, per Counsel John McClow. Director Bill Nesbitt asked how this money is designated in our accounts and whether this would raise any concerns with the auditor. John explained that the money goes back into the general fund as unrestricted reserve funds and since these funds were already appropriated to grants but not expended, this makes the money available if needed for current and future grant funding. John said there should be no issues with the auditor and that action taken by the Board on rolling forward these funds is documented via the resolution in their packet and via memo to the auditor.

Director Bill Nesbitt moved and Director Julie Nania seconded the adoption of Resolution 2021-01 authorizing the use of \$87,469.26 of previously allocated, unexpended, and now available District Grant Funds residing in the General Fund Reserve into the current 2021 District Grant funding cycle. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0

D. Watershed Management Planning Committee

Manager Sonja Chavez reviewed details of the January 11 and December 10 WMP meetings and her Watershed & Stream Management Planning Memorandum dated January 19, 2021. In item number 2 of that Memorandum, the District’s RFQ Ag Engineer process, WMP recommending that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into an initial contract with Applegate Group in the amount of \$100,000.

Director George Sibley moved and Director Andy Spann seconded authorization of General Manager Sonja Chavez to enter into an initial contract with Applegate Group for engineering services not to exceed \$100,000 in support of WMP efforts. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0.

E. Education Committee

General Manager Sonja Chavez summarized the results of the January 13th meeting and stated the 2021 outreach campaign will be highly focused on drought education. Sonja said that Water Resource Specialist Bev Richards is looking for input from Board members on slogans and messages the District should include in its campaign, so please email Bev. Director Bill Nesbitt stated that the District distributed more of the “Water” books than in the past with 59 going to the Crested Butte first graders and 89 to Gunnison first graders. In addition, ten will be distributed in Lake City. Sonja said the committee will

meet again soon and more details will be coming about the marketing campaign.

F. Water Quality and Water Surface Monitoring

Sonja reported that the District oversees an annual water monitoring program in partnership with various entities. She would like to gather a small committee to work on recommendations to be relayed to the USGS for the *Next Generation Water Observing System (NGWOS)* program. Also, the USGS has indicated that there is a very good chance that they will fund the full cost of the new gages at Texas and Willow Creek, which will result in a \$58,000 savings in the 2021 budget, and potentially \$22,000 annual savings to the District for ongoing monitoring in future years. Since Cold Harbour Institute and Western Colorado University have decided to pull out as cooperating funding partners for monitoring purposes at the gage below Cochetopa, there may be funding within the District budget now that Texas and Willow Creek gages are covered. Finally, the USGS is partnering with the National Park Service to conduct a study on harmful algae blooms. Toxic blooms occurred again this past summer at Blue Mesa Reservoir. Study suspects drought conditions main culprit behind such harmful blooms, but they are also looking at temperature, nutrients or other factors. She looks forward to seeing the results of this study.

G. Basin Water Supply Information

Water Resource Specialist Bev Richards compiled her summary from a lot of different sources, including the Snowpack Summary, Aspinall Unit Forecast, Taylor Park Reservoir Operations and the Cloud Seeding Report. In a nutshell, everything is already very dry and probably going to stay that way. Bev reported that in a La Nina patterns often continue in back-to-back years with the second year being not quite as severe.

H. Colorado Monthly Snowpack Summary

The Upper Gunnison Basin is at 62 percent of normal and the whole state is at 83 percent of normal.

I. Aspinall Unit Forecast for Operations

Forecasted inflows and storage amounts in Blue Mesa are suspected to be well below average.

J. Preliminary Operations Plan – Taylor Park Reservoir

Taylor Park Reservoir is forecasted to only fill to 85% of full.

K. Cloud Seeding Report

Even though the generators ran for 455 hours, there was not much moisture in the air to produce much precipitation.

L. Lake San Cristobal Report (LSC)

Robert Hurd is under contract with the District for oversight and was able to troubleshoot problems with readings by replacing a modem from Century Link. In addition, Robert found that the gates were not performing well due to a moisture filter that needed replacing. Robert found a source for the replacement filter. A couple of spare filters were also ordered for future annual replacement. Currently, the lake stands at 8,993 feet and outflow is 14.3 c.f.s.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) facilitated a Zoom conference on January 25 to discuss how to reduce the risk of motorized boaters introducing aquatic invasive species into LSC. Ideally a decontamination station should be installed at LSC, but with infrastructure costs estimated at \$50,000 or more, CPW does not have funding to get this started in 2021. There was discussion about at least hiring a boat inspector for this summer and then sending anyone with contamination issues to Blue Mesa for decontamination. LSC Water Activity Enterprise Board members and stakeholders were invited to the Zoom conference.

Director Joellen Fonken asked if the avalanches two years ago have had an effect on water quality at LSC. Sonja is not aware of any water-quality monitoring and to her knowledge the BLM is not actively doing reclamation. A stream warning system that could signal avalanche has been discussed, but no action has been taken yet.

M. Wet Meadows Project Update and Power Point

Wet Meadows Project Coordinator Paul Jones gave a brief review of 2020 accomplishments and reported that 99 structures were built, 65 acres of sage grouse habitat were restored, and a mile and a quarter of stream was improved. Paul said the State Land Board has donated rock and that a crew will be hired to install the rock July 15, 2021 through November 2021

In his Power Point, Paul reported that there are now over 30 partners involved which has increased significantly since the inception of the Wet Meadows project in 2009. Paul explained how important wetland areas with adjacent sagebrush habitat are for recruitment and growth of sage grouse chicks.

Paul reported that some challenges for the project include the amount of administrative time and costs involved in writing, accounting, and reporting for grant funding. Paul said he is grateful to the District for taking on a larger chunk of the administrative requirements and that in future grants, he is seeking to get some of these administrative/indirect costs covered within the grant.

Paul also reported that the lawsuit filed by The Center for Biological Diversity and Western Watersheds Project suing the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for failing to protect the Gunnison sage grouse from effects of livestock grazing. Paul pointed to the gross mis-use of the data, talked about why sage grouse numbers can vary greatly between very different hydrologic years (drought to high snowpack and back to drought) and said that this lawsuit, if successful, could have a huge impact on the Wet Meadows Project which could be required to conduct Section 7 Consultation on every single project (expensive, time consuming, would slow project implementation to a standstill, and negatively impact the bird due to inability to conduct projects that directly benefit). Board members expressed frustration as it was their opinion that Western Water has a history of filing such suits for the sole purpose of removing grazing from public lands and making money off the litigation which frequently gets settled out of court.

Vice President Stacy McPhail expressed her appreciation of Paul's efforts. Director George Sibley said he sat in on part of the Wet Meadows meeting with the partners a couple of weeks ago and was very impressed with their level of cooperation and said that enthusiasm for the program and its results remain high.

7. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Sustainable Tourism & Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee Appointment

Manager Sonja Chavez said she was contacted by Gunnison County to see if the District would like to appoint a representative to serve on the STOR committee. Former Manager Frank Kugel had served on the committee until

he resigned from the District and was not replaced at that time. Sonja asked if there was a Board member willing to serve in that role, and if not, Bev Richards has offered to fill the appointment. Sonja wanted the Board to understand that in this capacity, Bev would be voting on behalf of the District. Director Joellen Fonken indicated she's be happy to serve as the UGRWCD rep as she has served on the board for a number of years as the at-large rep.

Director Andy Spann motioned and John Perusek seconded that Joellen Fonken serve as the District's representative on the STOR Committee. A roll call vote was conducted. Results of the roll call vote:

Rosemary Carroll	yes
Joellen Fonken	yes
Rebie Hazard	yes
Stacy McPhail	yes
Julie Nania	yes
Bill Nesbitt	yes
John Perusek	yes
Don Sabrowski	yes
George Sibley	yes
Andy Spann	yes

The motion carried 10-0.

Sonja will let the County know of Joellen's nomination.

Colorado Water Congress 2021 Virtual Annual Convention, Feb 9th & 12th

Manager Sonja Chavez referenced the convention program included in the packet and asked if any Board members would like to participate. Vice President Stacy McPhail said she would like to attend. Sonja said that if there were other Board members who have an interest, they should email Administrative Assistant Sue Uerling as soon as possible.

Newspaper Articles

Manager Sonja Chavez referenced the increased amount of District news coverage, including several articles reporting on Gunnison County's appointment of Kathleen Curry to the Colorado River District Board. Sonja said she called Kathleen right away and they discussed how best Sonja can communicate the District's goals and issues to Kathleen.

There was also discussion around a *New York Times* article on water now being traded as a commodity on the stock market and James Eklund's role with Water Asset Management (WAM) (former Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board and now WAM attorney). A second article appeared in the *Denver Post* shortly after by Brian Richter (former TNC employee and now paid advisor to WAM) which called upon irrigators to stop irrigating in the name of providing water to lower basin users and municipalities. Sonja said the Upper Gunnison District, the Colorado River District and Colorado Water Conservation Board will be watching this closely going forward. General Counsel John McCloy said while the Board's comments are justified, the District needs to be careful about not overstating the case.

8. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ashley Hom from the US Forest Service remarked that she is always very appreciative of funds from the District. She also said the Forest Service really wants to collaborate with the District on future water projects.

9. FUTURE MEETINGS

General Manager Sonja Chavez referenced the listing of upcoming meetings.

10. SUMMARY OF MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Manager Sonja Chavez will develop a virtual informational meeting for interested applicants of the Grant Program. This will be held on Friday, February 5 at 1:00 p.m. The virtual meeting will be advertised in display ads and on the District website.

Director Bill Nesbitt wanted to know when the District can hold Board meetings in person in the Conference Room. Manager Sonja Chavez said due to the size of our Board, staff and any attendees from the general public, we cannot presently meet in person due to Covid-19 restrictions. Director George Sibley said that for now, this is out of our hands.

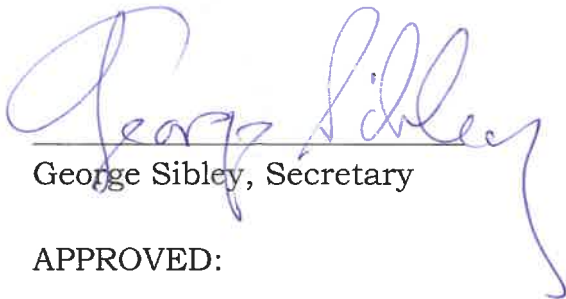
Director Julia Nania briefly reported that the Gunnison Basin Round Table (GBRT) met on January 18 and heard a presentation from Harvey Economics, similar to the report Ed Harvey gave to the District back in November. Julie reported that the GBRT will not be giving out many grants this year. She said Bill Trampe will be awarded for his service.

Ashley Hom of the US Forest Service announced that there is a new group, the Gunnison Valley Beaver Believers, which will focus on improving beaver habitat and bolstering their numbers. She said the group will meet a couple of times a year and if anyone in the District is interested in joining, they can email her. (Sue Uerling has her email.)

11. ADJOURNMENT

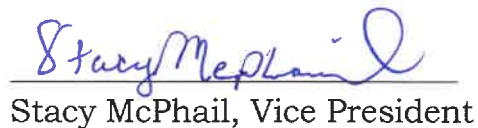
Vice President Stacy McPhail adjourned the regular board meeting at 8:18p.m. and reminded members that the Water Activity Enterprise Board meeting would immediately follow.

Respectfully Submitted,



George Sibley, Secretary

APPROVED:



Stacy McPhail, Vice President