



MEETING NOTES

January 5, 2022 7:30 AM

Virtual Meeting, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Members of the River Commission in attendance included Chip Fisher, Erika Gibson, Chairman Ashley Moffatt, Vice Chairman Scott Schreiber, Joel Shute, Chris Treese. Ryan Davis was absent. Chad Rudow (Roaring Fork Conservancy), City Council Liaison Paula Stepp, Assistant City Manager Jenn Oton, April Long (Ruedi Water and Power Authority), Parks and Recreation Director Brian Smith, Parks Superintendent Dan Roper, Chris Sharrow, and River Commission Staff Liaison Trent Hyatt were also present.

Receipt of Meeting Notes from December 1, 2021

Commissioner Shute moved, and Commissioner Fisher seconded, to approve the minutes for the December 1, 2021 meeting. All were in favor of the motion.

Ruedi Water and Power Authority (RWPA) Action Items

April Long, Executive Director of RWPA, quizzed the Commission on the structure and purpose of her organization. She explained the organization's history from the 1980s and that the organization's board is made up of local counties/communities that work together to collaborate for local water resource matters. The organization also handles aquatic nuances species in the reservoir, but has no authority over water nor power. Ms. Long also works to advance goals and objections of the Roaring Fork watershed plan, including use efficiencies, and works to promote our regional issues at the state level. She plans to reach out to local municipalities to see how she can better provide help and support. The River Commission outlined some of their goals such as grant application cash matching funds, stormwater discharge surveying, and access mapping. Ms. Long anticipated future reviews of water rights to better determine means of protecting fish habitat in the future and a regional recreational master plan.

2022 Goals Discussion/Adoption

The group again reviewed the 2021 goals/action items as a means to set their direction and intentions for 2022. The group removed items addressed/completed and added/revise items for the new year.

Other Comments

To the delight of the group, Mr. Rudow stated that the watershed was at 139 percent of average snowpack following recent storms.