



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES AND RECORD OF DECEISIONS

Start Time: 12:30 pm

September 14, 2022

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building

Members in Attendance;

Mark Shea	Sam Stein	Lisa Fardal	Gracy Goodwin
Bob Hamel	Al Tucker	Rich Atkins	Jack Goble
Abby Ortega	Avid Aahmed	Kent Ricken	Steve Kastner
Steve Kastner	Jeff Rodriguez	Mike Hilmborg	Rick Kidd
Greg Felt-excused	Rena Griggs	Dan Williams	Scott King
Jeris Danielson	Matt Heimrich	Alan Ward	Bob Slagle
Sandy White	Jonathan	Amy Mitchell	Tom Verquer
Terry Scanga	Pakliaian	Chloe Lewis	

• Greetings and Introductions;

- Establish quorum
 - Quorum Present
- Approval of Agenda
 - Agenda approved by consensus
- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes approved by consensus with no changes
- Public Comment
 - None

• Reports;

- Recognitions – Mark Shea
 - At this time Mark recongnized Paul Fanning for his service and support to the Roundtable these past few years. Mark credited Pual’s work with PEPO and the many contributions through his diligence with giving him a plaque in appreciation of his work. Paul thanked everyone for serving with them.
 - Mark also acknowledge another seat being vacated is that of Amber Shanklin and thanked for her service to the Roundtable as she is stepping down from Palmer Land Trust. This will leave openings for nominations for the At Large Environmental seat and Legislative Appointee Seat. The Environmental seat is a required seat for the area and would appreciate everyone giving this consideration..
- Executive Committee Reports- October Elections;
 - Mark also pointed out next months meeting will be our annual election for officers. Mark asked if anyone is considering running for one of these postions to let him know. Nominations will be open until next months meeting. Abby stated she has been working with Gracy Goodwin regarding her running for the NAC Chair position. Abby will continue in a supporting role if this takes place.



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- Mark discussed the departure of Elise and her roles currently being picked up by members of the Executive Committee. We will also work with Jonathan and ARWC for our Web Support position.
- Mark discussed the ongoing work with our Project Data Base and the upcoming Grant Applications coming up December 1st. Also is the upcoming Grant Administrator position and the that will be handled including water grant funding. We're looking to have this individual named in November. If anyone has grant proposals during this time please check with Abby and later Gracy Goodwin.
- CWCB Report – Jeff Rodriguez
 - Jeff reported on the WSRF grant funding with the infusion of \$17 million. This will include a revised criteria and guidelines. He briefly discussed the new Water Plant Managers and their roles as coordinating these grants. Planned Basin Representatives will be focused on the; South Platte, Metro, North Platte, Arkansas, Rio Grande and Southwest Basin, Colorado, Gunnison and YWG.
 - Jeff also discussed the turnover in several basins with the Recorder/Secretorial positions and CWCB has approved an increase to \$6,500 for this position going forward to help reduce the resignation rate. Jeff will work with the Chairs to attempt to alleviate this rate.
 - The Regional Program Managers will be hired to focus on Water Plan Grants. If anyone requires more information regarding these positions or is interested they may contact Anna Moss at state.co.us.
 - The Colorado Landscape Summit scheduled for November 9th 2022 at the Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms was discussed and members are encouraged to go to the website for invitations to this event.
- IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson and Terry Scanga
 - Jeris reported that the October meeting is set to define goals definitions, and will report further after the meeting takes place. With no further questions Mark requested that after the October meeting if there is discussions regarding the Colorado River concerns to report on this .
- Needs Assessment – Abby Ortega
 - Abby reported that both the WSRF grants and Colorado Water funds proposals will be due to the Needs Assessment no later than October 15th. The NAC meeting will be held October 26th to be presented to the November Roundtable. Jeff Rodriguez will be the point of contact for these grants.
- Ag/Muni Committee – Matt Meimrich, Kent Ricken
 - Kent discussed Greg Felt coming to the Lower Ark and this went well. Jack Goble added that the Lower Ark meeting went well and the discussions focused on water returns.
- Enviro/Rec – Bob Hamel, Rena Griggs
 - Bob reported that they met in August and discussed what took place at the Water Congress. Terry added that they presented discussions on stream restoration processes and projects regarding the Water Supply Reserve Account. Rena discussed on her work with the US Fish and Wildlife service on a grant application for National Fish Passage Program which she has submitted a draft grant application for went well and she'll be submitting a final version in December. She's still looking into the Colorado Water Board grant application, as well.



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- Bob discussed the upcoming Water Forum scheduled to be held at the Doubletree in Colorado Springs in April 2023. They're hosting a VIP Dinner as well. The Forum is looking for individuals to participate in the Planning Committee or suggestions for this event. All are welcome to participate.
- Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Jonathan Paklaian
 - Jonathan discussed a tour which included a diversion project and infrastructure features near the headwaters of the Arkansas. A lot of planning with the California Gulch in Lake County. ARWC has applied for a mitigation grant that they're giving to NAC. He mention the ARWC Board meeting which Mark elaborated on. Mark explained how they're reaching out for further support for ARWC's project with some of the bigger players throughout the basin. Sandy pointed out the feast or famine funding ARWC experiences therefore, the Board has asked Jonathan to reach out for sustaining memberships.
- PEPO – Jonathan Paklaian
 - Johnathan thanked Paul for all his support in the past with PEPO. They're looking for 2023 upcoming projects. Currently, they're involved in transition work. Funding for 2023 has been approved.
- **Program: Mike Sullivan Colorado Deputy State Engineer –**
 - Steve Kastner to introduced our guest speaker, Deputy State Engineer Mike Sullivan with Colorado Division of Water Resources. Steve highlighted the Colorado River storage issues and it's influence on our transmountain diversions that we rely on. Two issues are surfance water measurements rules and West Slope water usage.
 - Mike Sullivan commenced the discussions on Measurement Rules and Water Administration procedures currently going on now with Division 6 (Division 6, Yampa, White, Green and North Platte River Basins).
 - Mike pointed to Statutory Authority Section 37-84-112, CRS regs and how it pertains to headgate measurements. These measurements ensure all water right holders obtain their maximum allotted water available. These measurements ensure Consistency and transparency for all water users. Also encouraged is stakeholder involvement through stakeholder meetings.
 - Other work being done is Infrasture Funding and upper Basin Drought Contingency planning. This funding provides the means for enhanced measurement procedures.
 - Mike discussed our Compact usage which sets Colorado River when measured at Lee Ferry on the Colorado does not go below 75 million acre feet. The past ten years of water flow measurements is at 88,049,000 acre ft through 2021.
 - Sandy White asked meaurements regarding ground water. Mike responded yes it's being done depending on the application.
- **Adjourn**
- **Upcoming Meetings**
 - Arkansas Basin Roundtable – October 12, 2022
 - Executive Committee – 10:30
 - General Session – 12:30



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- Committees
 - PEPO – TBT
 - Environmental Rec – October 31, 2022 – 10:00 am – noon
 - Agriculture/Municipal – November 2022
 - ARWC – Q4 December XX TBD
 - Interbaisn Compact IBCC - October XX TBD
 - CWCB Board Meeting – September 20-21 Durango



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ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
Wednesday September 14, 2022 10:30 am
Pueblo Community College
900 W Orman Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair	Terry Scanga – IBCC	Matt Heimrich – AG @ Large
Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec	Greg Felt – CWCB	Jonathan Pakliaian – ARWC
Abby Ortega – Nac	Sam Stein – CWCB	Lisa Fardal
Steve Kastner – Vch Cons	Al Tucker – Recorder	Rich Atkins
Greg Felt – CWCB	Avid Ahmed – Aurora Water	Kent Ricken
Jeris Danielson – IBCC	Jeff Rodriguez – CWCB	Mike Hilmberg
Sandy White – Past Chair	Rena Griggs – DNR	Dan Williams - CC

- **Greetings and Introductions;**
 - Mark welcomed everyone
- **Minutes/Notes of Previous Meeting;**
 - Mark called for corrections/comments to the Minutes of August 10, 2022, Al Tucker suggest two minor typographical changes. Minutes approved by consensus.
- **Reoccurring Matters:**
 - **Chair Comments -**
 - Greg Felt brought up the topic of the Regional Coordinator position at which time Mark discussed this would be through Anna Moss CWCB.
 - Mark reviewed the need for some of our members fulfilling tasks we have open with our Secretarial position vacancy.
- **Roundtable Business;**
 - **Outstanding Reports –**
 - The topic of access and updates to our Project Data Base was brought forward by Sandy white. He stated the need familiarity with projects both with ongoing and proposed.
 - Sam Stein CWCB explained the limited updating process in place with the project data base. He discussed who currently allowed to perform inputs and updates to this data base and they're done annually near the end of year and aren't expected to have real time information.
 - Mark suggested we have a clear access with better info and updates. Terry Scanga pointed out you can access the data base by going to engageCWCB.org then click on CWCB for updates to propose project info. The question "is CWCB picking this up?" Sam replied, yes but annually.
 - Sandy's brought up a concern with organizations and individuals who are project proponents requiring funding introduce them to CWCB who can assist.



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- **Roundtable Business con't;**
 - How do we accomplish this? Mark suggested this may be done with our Grant Administrator who is coming on board for WSRF grants. If needed contact Ben Wade or Abby Ortega. Also, discussed does this project fit in one of the five categories for the water plan grant program?
 - Mark discussed the Grant Administrator position that will be primarily CWCB but will have four roles involved with the grant process that will be available to project proponents and grant applicants and how to facilitate moving forward and handling grant funding.

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 - Arkansas Basin Roundtable – October 12, 2022
 - Executive Committee – 10:30 AM
 - Roundtable – 12:30 PM
 - Committees
 - PEPO – TBD
 - Environmental/Recreation, September 26, 10:00AM
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD Likely in November
 - ARWC – TBD
 - IBCC – TBD
 - CWCB Board Meeting –, Denver

- **Adjourn;**
 - Mark called for adjournment at 12:00 pm

Committee membership: Mark Shea (Ch), Bob Hamel (VCh-NonC), Steve Kastner (VCh-Cons), Al Tucker (Rec), Sandy White (Past-Ch), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Abby Ortega (Needs Assessment), (Legislative Rep), Amber Shanklin (ARWC Board Member), Sara Mudge (ARWC Board Member)

Additional distribution: Sam Stein (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Palkaian (ARWC Director)