



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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

Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair

Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec

Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB

Abba Aahmed – Aurora Water

Steve Kastner – Vch Cons

Gracy Goodwin – NAC

Jeris Danielson - IBCC

Al Tucker - Recorder

Greg Felt – CWCB

Jonathan Paklaian - ARWC

Terry Scanga – Upper Ark

Sam Stein – CWCB

Tim Canterbury - IBCC

Sandy White – Past Chair

Matt Heimrich – AG @ Large

Dan Williams - CC

Lauren Duncan - CWCB

1. Greetings and Introductions;

- Mark called the meeting to order at 10:30 noting a quorum was present.

2. Minutes/Notes of Previous Meeting;

- Mark called for approval of the November 9, 2022 Minutes. Sandy White moved to approve the minutes the motion was seconded motion carried.

3. Reoccurring Matters:

- Chair Comments - Mark opened with two reoccurring matters for this afternoon's General Session. First, being Lauren Duncan Water Plan Grant Manager/Coordinator to the Arkansas Basin and welcome back Jim Baldwin who represents Otero County to the Roundtable. We will confer the approval of Blake Osborn to the At Large Environmental Seat that has been vacated when Amber Shanklin left. Mark mentioned briefly the ARWC funding that will be further discussed at our afternoon meeting.
- Outstanding Reports – Gracy Goodwin mentioned we have one person who will be giving a brief report for a letter of support for a water plan grant this afternoon. She also mentioned that December 15 is the deadline for the next round of grant funding. She expects at least three more applications meeting this timeline.
- Lauren Duncan was called on to introduce herself and discuss her aspirations with this new appointed position representing our designated Water Plan Grant Coordinator for the Ark Basin.
- Terry Scanga raised the issue regarding funding being divided into specific categories making it difficult for project proponents to apply. As many projects may meet more than one criteria but being categorized to a specific part of the funds available causing uncertainties.
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- **Roundtable Business;**
- Mark opened the discussion with Gracy on Grant Cycles which look as if they're going to be scheduled up to six times a year. Mark pointed out that scheduling these grant cycles ever two



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months will consume a lot of Roundtable time and maybe we should consider a less frequent schedule. The Water

- Plan Grant is June and December while the WSRF grant is schedule in other months of the year. Perhaps we should look and see scheduling these grants together so they might line up better. Gracy responded that having three or four times per year may work. Al suggested that we that perhaps we schedule biannual or quarterly meetings. Mark suggested we do each grant program twice a year which is a quarterly schedule.
- Mark brought new ARWC business with filling possible new seats on the ARWC Board with individuals being looked at. One would be a possible new seat with the City of Aurora which Abba or Rick Kientz may be asked to fill. Both being excellent candidates. Also a replacement for our At Large Environmental representative which we've asks Blake Osborn if he would be interested. A third ARWC Board seat we're looking into being filled is by Harrington who worked on mitigation on the Big Thompson has participated with the Roundtable. Terry Scanga suggested these new ARWC seats be ex officio board seats.
- Mark opened the discussion for PEPO Grant. Jonathan confirmed the funding is current for this grant. Jonathan presented the grant breakdown for ARWC detailing the tasks being funded and level of funding. These tasks were as follows;
 - Assist with and attend Roundtable meetings, plan and moderate work group meetings participate in statewide PEPO meetings.
 - Website/Facebook page mtce.
 - Funding Information Disseminate to project proponents, public education on project funding
 - Arkansas Partners Network Meeting and Reports
 - BIP information/education, including creation and distribution of print and electronic material
 - Al suggested that any BIP Coordinator brought on board be familiar with all basin projects to ensure overlapping projects benefit the basin e.g. Project management skills. Jeff suggested the funding for BIP will need to come from the Basin funds because it's not a match for WSRF or Water Grant funding. The issue there Sandy pointed out is with Huerfano County Conservancy District providing some funding the labor is beneficial to the entire basin.
 - Representation at in-person events
 - Indirect costs for ARWC grant Administration

4. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – January 11, 2023
 - Executive Committee – 10:30 AM
 - Roundtable – 12:30 PM
- Committees
 - PEPO – TBD
 - Needs Assessment December 28, 2022
 - Environmental/Recreation – None in December, back in 2023
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - ARWC – TBD
 - IBCC – TBD



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- CWCB Board Meeting –

5. Adjourn

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- **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), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Vacant (Legislative Rep), Vacant (At Large Environmental Rep), Sara Mudge (ARWC Board Member)
Additional distribution: Sam Stein (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Palkaian (ARWC Director)



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**ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES AND RECORD OF DECEISIONS
Start Time: 12:30pm
December 14, 2022
Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building**

Members/Guests in Attendance;

Mark Shea	Lauren Ducan	Kent Ricken	Emity –Denver
Bob Hamel	Jim Lynch	Terry Scanga	Water
Gracy Goodwin	Al Tucker	Jonathaian	Maria Brandt
Steve Kastner	Abba Aahmed	Paklaian	Steve Leonhart
Greg Felt	Jeff Rodriguez	Tom Verquer	Tom Samdel
Jeris Danielson	Matt Heimrich	Ariel Hacker	Chloe Lewis
Sandy White	Dan Williams	Mannie Colon	Bea Stratton
Joshua Godwin	Tim Canterbury	Scott King	Jim Baldwin-
Jack Goble-excused	Dwayne McFall-	Greg Teter	excused
Sam Stein	excused	Alli Schuch	

- **Greetings and Introductions;**
- Establish Quorum – quorum present
- Approval of agenda - Approved
- Approval of Minutes – November 2022 – approved by consensus
- Public Comment - none
- **Reports;**
- **Executive Committee – Mark Shea**
 - Executive Committee – Mark Shea opened the Exec Comm report introducing Lauren Duncan who has joined CWCB and will be working with state water plan grants as well as with the Roundtable.
 - Lauren Duncan – CWCB Regional Water Plan –Coordinator. Introduced herself stating her roll will be to connect project proponents to water plan dollars and assist with entering these grants to the program.
 - Mark also talked about the Exec Comm discussions regarding new members to the ARWC Board by adding new seats to the ARWC Board. These new positions may be filled by Aurora Water members refilling At Large seats with the Roundtable.
 - Another discussion at the Exec Comm meeting was using the PEPO funding water supply projects coordinator to work throughout the Basin to support these projects securing water grants.
 - A final discussion was regarding our project data base that will be addressed later by Jeff Rodriguez.



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- Mark discussed two open seats we have with the Roundtable. One of these seats will be with Otero County who has appointed Commissioner Jim Baldwin to the seat. He has been asked to be excused from this month's meeting due to a conflict with another scheduled meeting, but will be available going forward. We've also been working to fill our Environmental At Large seat which requires the endorsement of a Conservation group. The Nature Conservancy Org is endorsing Blake Osborn to fill the seat left by Amber Shanklin. Al Tucker moved to approve the selection of Blake Osborn to the Environmental Seat. Tom Verquer seconded the motion, motion carried.
- CWCB Report – Jeff Rodriguez, Russ Sands, Greg Felt; Mark turned over the CWCB report to Jeff Rodriguez who recounted that CWCB is wrapping up the public comments getting ready for the January meeting. A reminder that a celebration water plan meeting is scheduled for January 24th. This meeting is to bring together Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB members to network. There will be Basin Award Hero's Recognition will be performed at this event. Another important point is the WSRF criteria and guidelines have been updated. Jeff also mentioned there are several deadlines coming up along with some federal grants available in the portal. Steve Kastner asked if it was still available for the Roundtable to propose and add projects to the data base portal that aren't currently on our project data base. Jeff answered that is still available. Jeff brought up the State Project Data Base listing projects by Basin. Al Tucker asked, if project proponents have access to list projects allowing some projects that don't meet the Roundtable criteria but still can get listed looking as if they're supported. How do we address this? Jeff responded that there is a field that identifies if the project has gone through the Roundtable or not. Sandy White reiterated that this has been an ongoing problem with some of these self funded projects showing up on the data base as Tier One which requires the support of all the local agencies but slip by without this approval but still showing up as if they had. The data base can be reached via the following link: https://cwcb.force.com/s/project-idea-proposal?c_recordId=a015Y000016sV8aUAE
- Mark recognized our guest from the South Platte Director Robert Sakata, CWCB. Robert thanked everyone for their support for submitting comments on the Water Plan Grant. Another item discussed which came up in the last CWCB meeting was the Arkansas Valley Conduit with all the work that has gone into that project by their Board and support from the Ark Basin Roundtable.
- Demand Management issues and associated problems were asked by Terry Scanga of Jeff. Jeff responded that there is still a lot of work needed to resolve these issues as well as implementation of the plan. Terry pointed out that the upper basin is being pressured to cut back when much of the over consumption is still happening in the lower basin states. Sandy pointed out the issue of evaporation and what is being done about this since the water we contribute is prior to this evaporation and we're not getting any credit on this water loss. Jeff felt this will be discussed at the upcoming conference in Las Vegas.
- IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga; Mark called on Jeris to report on IBCC. Jeris reported that there is a meeting scheduled for the January 24th coinciding with the CWCB meeting.
- Needs Assessment – Gracy Goodwin; Mark called on Gracy to report; She introduced Bea Stratton with Denver Water to present her project for a letter of approval. Also mentioning that our next Needs Assessment is scheduled for December 28th.



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- **Native Grass Working Group** – Colorado Water Plan Conservation and Land Use Planning Grant Letter of Support Request – Bea Stratton, Denver Water. Bea presented her project focusing on lower water use landscaping and best practices with native grasses. The project cost is estimated at \$50,000
 - Ag/Muni Committee – Matt Heimerich, Kent Ricken
 - **Enviro/Rec** – Bob Hamel reported that with Blake on board they'll start scheduling meetings every few months but as of today they're still going forward with the Forum event scheduled for Colorado Springs in April 25&26 with the VIP Dinner on the 24th 2023.
 - Arkansas Watershed Collaborative – Jonathaian Paklaian reported that several projects are being completed and working on reimbursements. Still working on in Lake County projects. Jonathaian mentioned the Board expansion being worked on. Bob Hamel brought up his recent meeting with the Arkansas Outfitters Association and the Arkansas River Conservation Cooperative in their support of ARWC's work has offered support in the amount of \$15,000 per year for the next two years. Bob then presented a check to Jonathaian.
 - PEPO – Jonathaian Paklaian reported that a work group meeting is scheduled to discuss the use of funds for basin wide support to ensure water users are aware of the Roundtable available grants and resources available for water projects.
- Mark called for the meeting to adjourn at 3:00pm

- **Upcoming Meetings**
- **Arkansas Basin Roundtable January 11, 2023**
 - **Executive Committee – 10:30am**
 - **General Session – 12:30pm**
- **Committees**
 - **Needs Assessment – December 28, 2022**
 - **Environmental/Recreation Committee – January 2023**
 - **Agriculture/Municipal Committee – November 8,9,10 or 15 2022?**
 - **IBCC - TBD**
- **ARWC – Q4 December XX TBD**
- **IBCC – February 15, 2023, Oct 2023**
- **CWCB Board Meeting – November 16-17 – Denver Water**
- **PEPO - Work group meeting December 15th 9am**