

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE

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Wednesday November 11, 2020

Start Time: 12:30 pm

Virtual Meeting using the following link:

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12:30-12:35	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Mark Shea [5 min] Introductions Public Comment
12:35 – 1:50	Needs Assessment Committee Grant Recommendations [75 min]
1:50	ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

Arkansas Basin Roundtable – December 9, 2020

Subcommittees

- **Enviro/Rec Comm. – November 30, 2020**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda

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Greetings and necessary introductions

ARWC Board Meeting

- None

Reoccurring matters

- None

ABRT BIP Update/Local Expert

- None

Needs Assessment Meeting

- Prep as needed

Roundtable Business

- PEPO Program/Coordinator
- Consumptive Use Committee

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Committee membership: Mark Shea (Ch), Bob Hamel (VCh-NonC), Mike Weber (VCh-Cons), Mike Fink (Rec), Sandy White (Past-Ch), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Abby Ortega (Needs Assessment), Paul Fanning (Legislative Rep)

Additional distribution: Sam Stein (CWCB Staff), Elise Bergsten (Secretary), Amber Shanklin (Environmental), Sara Mudge (ARWC Board Member)



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ROUNDTABLE MEETING NOTES

November 11, 2020, Veterans Day

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Roundtable Business

Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm. Mark recognized veterans and members of the military and expressed our collective appreciation for their service to our country. Members and visitors introduced themselves. Twenty-five (25) members were present. The agenda is abbreviated today to provide ample time for grant presentations.

Public Comment - none

Mike Weber asked about the prior month's meeting notes, and the definition of active vs. inactive status according to the bylaws. Voting members fall into 'inactive' status if they miss (unexcused) three meetings in a year or two consecutive meetings. The bylaws do not lay out how a member regains 'active' status, but for last month's annual meeting it was assumed that the year referred to is the last twelve months, rolling forward each month. Remember that all members retain their voting status, active and inactive. The 'active' status is used to define a quorum for voting purposes.

REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Mark Shea

The executive committee met briefly this morning. Talked about the PEPO Coordinator position and re-forming a PEPO committee. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to grant applications and requests for letters of support.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Colorado Airborne Snow Observatories Expansion Plan – Laurna Kaatz, Northern Water

Proposed Funding

In-Kind Contributions: \$44,000

State WSRF Funds: \$20,000

Colorado WSRF: \$5,000

South Platte WSRF: \$5,000

Metro WSRF: \$5,000

Gunnison WSRF: \$5,000

Arkansas WSRF: \$5,000

ASO technology uses planes that fly over Colorado mountains and measure depth of snow pack. This new technology is more accurate than SNOTEL, the snow telemetry technology used by NRCS.

Project Goal: Develop and communicate a roadmap for creating a phased and sustainable ASO flight program in Colorado that would benefit multiple basins and a diverse group of water stakeholders.

This grant application moved forward by consensus.



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Regulation 84 Edible Crop Irrigation Public Education and Outreach – Independence Water & Sanitation District

– David Takeda

Proposed Funding

Grantee Match: \$8,000

In-Kind Contributions: \$16,000

South Platte WSRF: \$5,000

Metro WSRF: \$5,000

Arkansas WSRF: \$5,000

Statewide WSRF: \$15,000

Water Plan Grant Fund: \$27,600

Total Project Cost: \$81,600

Project Purpose:

- Potential users (local farms, community gardens, schools) do not have expertise and resources to develop educational and training materials regarding Reg 84.
- This project will develop educational and training materials that satisfy CDPHE requirements.
- Can be used by any utility or user.
- Removes barriers to expanding reuse in Colorado.

Roundtable members asked questions regarding this grant request. Consensus was **not** reached for this grant application. Members with dissenting opinions were encouraged to submit those comments to Abby Ortega, who will forward them to David.

REQUESTS FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Purgatoire River Baca-Picketwire Diversion Dam Complex Restoration Project – Purgatoire Watershed

Partnership – Julie Knudson

The grant application is for the US Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase II. The grant app is due November 17th. 11 project partners are involved in the project, which address multiple concerns, including:

- Protection and stabilization of stream and riverbanks
- Reducing erosion
- Improving channel/floodplain connectivity
- Improving water delivery systems to increase efficiency and address water supply needs
- Providing fish passage
- Removing invasive species and restoring vegetative

This request for a letter of support was approved by consensus.

Watershed Resiliency Planning Process & CWCB Watershed Restoration Grant Program – Upper Arkansas

Watershed Partnership – Dan Omasta & Natalie Ollio

The partnership was formed in May 2020, with goals to:

- Enhance collaboration among partners, water users, governments, and stakeholders to increase watershed resiliency



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- Tackle challenges of “duplication” and funding competition
- Support multi-beneficial projects that improve water quality and quantity, ecosystem health, community values, and agricultural heritage in Upper Arkansas Basin

Objectives of Phase 1

- Increase community understanding of water issues and promote collaboration among water users and stakeholders.
- Combine & assess existing studies and data related to ecosystem health, hydrology, water use, land use planning, organization priorities.
- Assess existing floodplain condition and explore strategies to incorporate fluvial hazard mapping and riparian condition into land use planning.
- Engage and support agricultural producers through preliminary needs assessment and protection of water rights.

This request for a letter of support was approved by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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MEETINGS/LINKS: (all meetings in 2020 will be virtual)

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable Meeting: December 9, 12:30 pm www.arkansasbasin.com
- PEPO: www.pepoarkbasin.com
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum: <http://www.arbwf.org/>
- CWCB: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/Pages/CWCBHome.aspx>
- Colorado Water Plan: <http://coloradowaterplan.com/>
- Colorado Flood Threat Bulletin: www.coloradofloodthreat.com
- Stream Management Plan Resource Library: <https://coloradosmp.org/>
- In-Stream Flow Rule Revisions: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/instream-flow-rules-revisions-hb-20-1157>
- DARCA - <https://www.darca.org/>



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Executive Committee Meeting Notes

November 11th 2020 – GoToMeeting

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Executive Committee Present: Mark Shea – Chair; Mike Fink – Secretary; Paul Fanning, Al Tucker, Rego, Greg Hamel, Tom Grasnick, Tim Canterbury, Jeris Danielson, Sandy White- Past Chair; Russ Sands, Sam Stein-CWCB; Abigail Ortega- Needs Assessment Committee; Terry Scanga - IBCC, Sarah Mudge, Matt Heimerich- Vice Chair; Elise Bergsten, Bob Hamel – Vice Chair (Recreational and Environmental Committee); Brett Gracely and Wil Koger - Consultant; Greg Felt - CWCB Representative.

Call to order:

Chairman Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. Greetings and introductions were performed.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the October 14 Executive Committee will be presented at the December 8 Executive Committee for approval, as will the Minutes of this Executive Committee Meeting.

ARWC Board Meeting:

- None

Reoccurring Matters:

- None

ABRT BIP Update/ Local Expert:

- Review document sent out by Mark Shea via email.

Needs Assessment Meeting:

- Prep as needed

Roundtable Business:

- PEPO Program/Coordinator: Mark Shea asked the Executive Committee Membership if they would like to go through a competitive process for filling the PEPO Coordinator position.



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- Terry Scanga indicated that the PEPO function was originally conceived by the Inter Basin Compact Committee (IBCC) as a state-wide effort, with functions in all Basins; we should not lose sight of that goal. However, this function must be supported financially.
- Mike Fink raised the possibility of aligning with an existing organization whose Mission, Vision & Goals are congruent with the PEPO direction. He suggested looking to Colorado Waterwise as such an organization. They have just completed a very well-organized on-line Statewide Convention, they are an ongoing organization that has been in existence for multiple years, their direction is oriented to Education and Outreach and they have been presenters at the Arkansas River Water Forum in the past.
- This suggestion fueled a discussion about other such organizations that could also align well with PEPO's directives.

Suggestions included:

- Water Education Colorado
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum
- Colorado Water Assembly
- Mark indicated if there is any interest for someone to serve as a PEPO Coordinator; he would like to gather some information regarding background and experience. At that point the Roundtable members will be able to visit with each applicant, at the upcoming Executive Committee Meeting December 9th.
- Mark suggest setting up a PEPO workgroup that will provide correction over site to the Coordinator to access the newest resources like WECO (Water Education Colorado) and Casey Devenhill with the Watershed Assembly. He would like Terry Scanga- Liaison to IBCC, Bob Hamel, Paul Fanning along with others that are interested in participating part of the PEPO workshop.
- Consumptive Use Committee: Mark indicated that the Basin Roundtable should consider standing up a Consumptive Use Sub-Committee, organized somewhat similar to the Non-Consumptive Use Committee. This topic will be picked back up at the Executive Committee meeting December 9th. If anybody has input or thoughts on it feel free to email those to Mark Shea or the full Executive Committee.

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Mark Shea adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 12:34 PM.