



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ROUNDTABLE MEETING NOTES

July 11, 2018 – Pueblo Community College, Pueblo, CO

Roundtable Business

Sandy White called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Members and visitors introduced themselves. Thirty-three (33) members were present.

Approval of minutes of prior meeting

A motion was duly made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the meeting notes of the May meeting.

Public Comment – none

REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Sandy White

- The joint roundtable was held June 13 in Parker.
 - Panel discussion from our RT was most interesting.
 - Phase II Risk Study did not include a consideration of the Prior Appropriation Doctrine
- SeEtta Moss has resigned her position. We will be soliciting nominations for the At-Large Environmental Rep position, which will be voted on in October.
- Bob Hamel has been drafted to become the new Non-Consumptive Needs Sub-Committee Chair.
- Jean Van Pelt will be leaving as PEPO coordinator at year end. A search will be made for her replacement. Jeris will chair the search committee.

IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga

- The IBCC will meet next in September.
- A preliminary white paper on funding of water projects will be produced.

CWCB Report – Jack Goble, Ben Wade

Jack Goble

- The CWCB met in May in Salida. Jack thanked PEPO and the Upper Ark for the tour and reception prior to the meeting.
- 23 Water Plan requests were given final approval.
- Some changes have been made to funding criteria, so please check that out on the CWCB website.
- The new funding cycle will have just two rounds for water plan grant applications, with due dates to CWCB of August and February 1. Applications will be heard just once each, unless the CWCB board has concerns. If so, applications can be delayed for one more meeting.
- Letters from Basin Roundtables that describe how the project aligns with BIPs or the Colorado Water Plan are welcomed.
- Next CWCB meeting be held in Glenwood Springs on July 18 & 19.

Ben Wade

- In September, CWCB will bring a SWSI presentation to the roundtable.
- Ben mentioned a new CWCB staff member that we will meet soon – Alex Funk now serves as the lead for the Ag viability goals identified in the Water Plan. He will also manage the Alternative Transfer Mechanism grant program and serve as representative to the Lower Ark Water Quality Working Group.



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PEPO/ARBWF – Jean Van Pelt

- PEPO is hosting a tour for Rio Grande Basin roundtable members, who are curious about our projects. The tour will demonstrate some of the projects supported by the Water Supply Reserve Fund in the Upper Basin. You are also welcome to attend – let Jean know before July 22nd if you'd like to join them.
- Documentary showings continue to be scheduled, and Jean has DVDs to distribute to folks who promise to share them with boards and other interested parties.

Needs Assessment Committee – Chelsey Nutter

Five applicants are presenting applications today. If these applications are all approved, funding balances will be as follows:

Funding	As of July 1	September Ask	Balance	Comments
Basin	156,861	54,640	102,221	Based on approval of all Requests
State	1,950,141	491,904	1,458,237	Based on all Ark Basin

Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Carol Ekarius, Lisa Patton

- Lisa Patton is out with a broken leg, and so no written report.
- Spring Fire between La Veta and Walsenburg.
 - Post-fire issues are expected to be severe.
- Soil health – Lower Ark farmers are taking a field trip to South Dakota

BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber

- Website Update Plan
 - Integrate PEPO & ARWC into the www.arkansasbasin.com website; move to COCO, Inc. server
 - Transition using the current PEPO WSRF grant request
 - Sustain via PEPO annual stipend from CWCB (\$6,500 annually)
 - Complete transition in 1st Quarter 2019
- Story Map as a Project Tracking Tool
 - Keeps current Measurable Outcomes methodology
 - Concept – planned – ongoing – completed
 - Revisit categories, protocols for dataset
 - Spreadsheet behind the story map can also be accessed.
- South Slope 3 Roundtable Exec Committee Meeting
 - Recommendation: Organize an Executive Committee level meeting of the Arkansas, Rio Grande and Southwest Roundtables to discuss forest health and watershed restoration, as well as other common interests.
- Watershed Restoration & Rec/Environmental CWP
 - Most watershed restoration grants will be for fire recovery in 2019
 - Oil Creek Ditch Diversion



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BREAK

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Please check out full presentations at www.arkansasbasin.com.

CANAL REPAIRS – Beaver Park Water

Funding Request:

Basin	\$ 8,000
State	\$ 80,000
Match	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
TOTAL	\$128,000

This application was approved by consensus.

FLUME & RESERVOIR – Lake County

Funding Request:

Basin	\$ 2,400
State	\$ 23,305
Match	<u>\$ 13,150</u>
TOTAL	\$ 38,855

This application was approved by consensus.

HOLBROOK DRAINAGE CHANNEL RESTORATION PHASE II - Holbrook

Funding Request:

Basin	\$ 2,000
State	\$ 14,000
Match	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 21,000

Discussion regarding the impacts of a possible discharge from Lake Cheraw to downstream users as a result of the project. Concerned individuals would like to be assured that there would be no discharge from Lake Cheraw to Horse Creek and the Arkansas River.

Consensus was not reached for this project. Applicant was encouraged to address concerns and return for the next cycle.

MONARCH PASS FOREST & WATERSHED HEALTH PROJECT - ARWC

Funding Request:

Basin	\$ 37,000
State	\$ 366,739
Match	<u>\$ 1,197,649</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,556,389

This application approved by consensus.



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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE WEBSITE - PEPO

Funding Request:

Basin	\$	5,240
State	\$	7,860
Match	\$	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$	18,100

This application was approved by consensus.

COLORADO WATER PLAN – ENGAGEMENT AND INNOVATION GRANT - PEPO

Funding Request:

CWP	\$	38,100
In-Kind Match	\$	<u>37,350</u>
TOTAL	\$	75,450

Letter of support by consensus.

Sandy's Note: The concerns regarding the Holbrook Channel Restoration App should have been addressed at the Needs Assessment Committee Meeting, rather than at the roundtable meeting. Please read the applications when they are distributed, and attend the Needs Assessment Meeting to express concerns, so that they can be addressed before the application reaches the roundtable.

NEXT STEPS/LINKS

- Next Meeting – August 8th, Pueblo Community College
- Arkansas Basin Roundtable: 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/>