

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
March 9, 2016 Occhiato Center, CSU-Pueblo

Members Present

Sandy White, Alan Hamel, Jim Broderick, Jay Winner, SeEtta Moss, Terry Book, Al Tucker, Terry Scanga

Minutes of Previous Meetings

A motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes of February 10, 2016 was made, seconded and approved.

CWCB – Alan Hamel

The next CWCB board meeting is next Wednesday and Thursday in La Junta at Otero Junior College. We have a full agenda. All Ark RT apps were recommended for approval. In addition five Severance Tax Grant apps from the Arkansas Basin will be up for approval. There will be a tour of local water projects on Tuesday for CWCB board and staff.

IBCC – Jay Winner

The IBCC met and talked about the implementation of basin implementation plans. We're way ahead. WSRA criteria and guidelines were also discussed, as well as future financing of CWCB projects.

PEPO liaison – Al Tucker, Blake Osborn

Al introduced Blake Osborn. Two coordinators will be sharing the PEPO coordination – Jean Van Pelt and Chelsey Nutter. Efforts will piggy-back on the water forum and focus on the upper basin this year.

Non-Consumptive Needs Sub-Committee – SeEtta Moss

The committee met February 26th.

Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Mark Shea & Carol Ekarius

Deb Phenicie has resigned. Carol Ekarius has stepped back in, and she and Mark will expedite the hiring process, going back to prior applicants and doing a targeted search. The executive committee directed the ARWC sub-committee to proceed with the hiring process.

Carol described the Healthy Watersheds grant application. COCO will be the applicant, and the application is due next week. Announcements come in June, with a contract to follow in August or September. The funding is through the EPA/US Forest Endowment.

BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber (see report)

Barbara Biggs – CWCB Colorado River Study is underway. The South Platte RT appointed 3 designees to TAC, and we are welcome to do so as well. Gary passed around an email sign up for webinar email list.

Gary discussed other BIP activities in the basin, as described in his report, including the North La Junta Flood Mitigation Project, Two Buttes Reservoir, Town of Aguilar and Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of surface water (GWUDI) issues to come.

Direction of BIP Coordinator – Jay Winner

All is well.

Liaison Members: definition, list – Sandy White

Tabled

Upcoming RT Meetings – Sandy White

April CO Geological Survey – Peter Barkmann, CGS

May	Climate Plan – Taryn Finnessey, CWCB
	Funded projects – Alan and Brent
June	no meeting?
July	Grant Applications
Fall	Integration of Water and Land Use Planning – Anne Miller, DOLA
	Water Quality in the Lower Ark – Mark Shea

Suggestions

April	Steve Witte	What’s happening on the river, with regards to spring runoff, storage etc.
Monthly	SWSI Update schedule will be presented today.	
	Grant Reports from completed projects	

New Business

New member, Bud O’Hara, Pueblo Conservancy District.