

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
April 13, 2016 Occhiato Center, CSU-Pueblo

Members/Guests Present

Mike Fink, Jay Moore, Brent Newman, Carol Ekarius, Terry Scanga, Candace Walker, Sandy White, Mark Shea, Jay Winner, Alan Hamel, Terry Book, Jeris Danielson, Nick Koch, Al Tucker, Blake Osborn, Jean Van Pelt, Chelsey Nutter, Elise Bergsten, Gary Barber, Brett Gracely.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

A motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes of March 9, 2016 was made, seconded and approved.

CWCB – Alan Hamel

Will be thanking everyone that was involved in hosting the CWCB tour, dinner, and meeting on March 15, 16 & 17 in La Junta.

IBCC – Jay Winner

The IBCC will meet next on May 24th in Salida.

PEPO Committee - Jean and Chelsey

- The documentary is progressing. A trailer will be prepared for the ARBWF.
- Summer reading program-activity books have been designed, to be distributed mid-May. 6000 copies will go to 35 libraries.
- Salida Water Festival will be held August 13th.
- Three Education to Action events are being planned, in Fremont, Custer and Chaffee counties.
- PEPO participated in planning and hosting last month's CWCB Tour.
- Will be attending and possibly doing a presentation at the next IBCC meeting.
- The 2016-2019 Education Action Plan is being prepared. Additional funding is available from CWCB for EAP activities. Per CWCB, PEPO should be an outlet for the IBCC – some funds will be used for that. Funds will also be used for a Water 101 Presentation to be used at Education to Action meetings.

Non-Consumptive Needs Sub-Committee – Jay Winner

A new grant will be presented today, asking for \$5,000 from Basin Funds: Pueblo Channel Debris Removal and Habitat Restoration Project.

Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Mark Shea & Carol Ekarius

Mark introduced Candace Walker, the new coordinator, who started work last Friday. Candace talked about her background and experience.

Carol shared about the job search and other efforts of the Collaborative in the last month. At the March 29th meeting, ARWC came up with a mission and vision statement. The website for the collaborative: www.arkcollaborative.org.

BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber (see report)

Gary will give a brief overview of the BIP for new folks at the roundtable meeting. WSRA Severance Tax funds are likely to be down by 90% next year, so focus is on alternative and multiple sources of funding.

Gary reviewed his Projects List, status of projects, new projects and activities in the last month, as well as planned activities. He presented possible new projects and concepts that might be a good use of his time, and asked for feedback.

Gary also discussed the grant application to be presented today: Pueblo Channel Debris Removal and Habitat Restoration Project. The applicant is the Lower Arkansas Water Activity Enterprise, and project partners include Pueblo County, Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District, and LAVWCD. Project partners will provide the bulk of funding. Total project cost = \$255,000.

Direction of BIP Coordinator – Jay Winner

All is well.

Liaison Members: definition, list – Sandy White

Al Tucker will head a sub-committee to work on this list.

Upcoming RT Meetings – Sandy White

April	CO Geological Survey – Peter Barkmann, CGS Water Information Dashboard – John Rodgers State of the River – Steve Witte SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman
May	Colorado Climate Plan – Taryn Finnessey, CWCB Funded projects – Alan and Brent SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman ARWC Strategic Plan – Carol Ekarius
June	No meeting?
July	Grant Applications SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman
August	SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman
September	Water Quality, Lower Basin – Mark Shea SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman
October	SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman Arkansas DSS – Andy Moore, CWCB
November	SWSI 2016-2017 – Brent Newman Integration of Water & Land Use Planning – Anne Miller, DOLA
December	No meeting?

New Business

Widefield Aquifer Recharge Association (WARA) – Mike Fink

Mike described this unique alluvial storage and recovery project, which will be presented at the ARBWF. He asked that it be added to the BIP Master List when the list is updated.

Colorado River Study Technical Advisory Group

Brett Gracely, Jim Broderick and Terry Book were appointed to this group. A fourth member may be added.