



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

PLANNING OUR
WATER FUTURE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

October 12, 2016

Members/Guests Present

Al Tucker, Nick Koch, Mark Shea, SeEtta Moss, Gary Barber, Alan Hamel, Chelsey Nutter, Jean Van Pelt, Elise Bergsten, Sandy White, Jim Broderick, Terry Scanga, Tim Canterbury, Jim Moore, Jeris Danielson, Brett Gracely, Greg Johnson (CWCB).

Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

PEPO Report- Jean Van Pelt

- Water Education Festival will be held in El Paso County next year
- Education Action Plan has been submitted
- Attended the Statewide PEPO Workshop in Avon this week
- WSRA grant application has been submitted for 2017

Non-Consumptive Use Committee – SeEtta Moss

A meeting of the non-consumptive use committee will be held October 14th, from 9 – 12, at the Canon City BLM office. The purpose of the meeting is to finish working through the BIP list with stakeholders.

Watershed Health – Mark Shea

- ARWC will be participating in the above meeting, and hope to select several projects to be included in next year's plan.
- Potential for doing some post-fire work in Beulah, which was mostly on private land, along with additional work on the Hayden Pass fire, which was mostly public land.
- Lower Ark water quality project continues.
- Demonstration project near McClave. It would encompass around 2,000 acres, and would study changes in water quality when switching from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation.
- Financing of ARWC was discussed.

CWCB – Alan Hamel, Greg Johnson

Sandy introduced Greg Johnson, who is back at CWCB. Greg will go over the new Criteria and Guidelines at the Roundtable meeting. Alan gave an update on these topics:

- Funding for the watershed health collaborative
- All of our grants were approved.
- Results of finance workshop and 2017/2018 Projects Bill, as discussed at prior RT meetings.
- Lower has been working with GOCO regarding Alternative Transfer Methods projects. If you work with GOCO, they haven't liked projects involving water rights. That had to do with conservation easements. They approved unanimously to look at water rights and conservation easements to make them flexible. As long as conservation rights are protected, funding is possible. They still need to approve guidelines, so it's early in the process.

- Conflict of interest statement – need to add this to the bylaws for statewide grants. If a roundtable member has a direct or indirect benefit from a grant application; they can present, but not lobby for or vote on. Meeting notes will need to reflect that members have recused themselves when appropriate. Alan recommends that it be a Policy and in the Bylaws. Even though we decide by consensus, we will reflect members recusing themselves.
- Alan reminded us that three CWCB board members will be stepping down in January including himself, April Montgomery, and Travis Smith. If you are interested in the position, Alan can assist you with the application. Mark Pipher is interested. Alan has filled both slots – the legislative appointee, and CWCB board member.
- You will receive another survey from a graduate student at CU. She is doing her PhD on Collaboration around water issues. She sent the survey to CWCB for their review. It's very different and not connected to the previous survey. She wants to glean lessons learned from this process. CWCB encourages RT members to respond.

Commitment Letter – Sandy wants to be sure to discuss this item from the new Criteria and Guidelines.

BIP Coordinator Report – Gary Barber

- Gary is preparing an Annual Report.
- Year Two began October 1st with a similar Statement of Work as the current year. Year One came in \$20,000 under budget, and will be carried over to Year Two, after a budget is approved for the carryover.
- Gary described the projects on the priority list that are being tracked and assisted.
- Database has been updated using the new methodology. Gary would like to send around the “Removed” list during the meeting, have members review in case they'd like to add any projects back in, otherwise will remove these, reducing the list to approximately 250.
- Members discussed how sub-projects will be handled as large projects develop (like the Conduit).

Other Matters – Sandy White

- We need to appoint a replacement for the Colorado River Risk Study. Seth Clayton was suggested by Terry Book.
- Grant request from west slope roundtables for the next phase of the risk study.
- An engagement letter was sent to the executive committee to secure Gary's services as BIP Coordinator for Year 2. Sandy asked for consensus from the committee, which was given. Sandy will move forward with the engagement letter.