



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Executive Committee Meeting Notes

August 9, 2017

Roundtable Business

Sandy White called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Approval of Minutes of 2017

A motion to approve the minutes of June 2017 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CWCB – Jack Goble, Ben Wade

CWCB will ask for a lot of involvement from the Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) as SWSI continues. TAG meetings will be held September 25th. 32 grants were submitted for the August 1st deadline. Some of these will be asked to re-apply in February.

IBCC – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga

Nothing new.

PEPO – Jean Van Pelt

The \$50,000 WSRF grant has been closed out. PEPO is now working from a WSRF grant for \$26,000, which will take the group through March 2018; as well as the annual CWCB Education Action Plan Funding of \$6,500. The Ark River Basin Water Forum has also applied for a CWCB CWP Engagement and Innovation Grant in the amount of \$29,400. If approved, funds will be available January 2018. Jean described activities that would be covered by that grant, and handed out a written monthly report of activities.

Needs Assessment – Chelsey Nutter, Brett Gracely

Six grants were sent forward to CWCB for WSRF funding. Approved grants will be covered with the additional funding that is coming through CWCB.

Regarding the BIP SOW and possible overlap between funded committees, a group sent in recommendations to Al Tucker. Comments will be incorporated in the SOW for the BIP grant application where appropriate.

Non-Consumptive Use – SeEtta Moss

A non-consumptive use meeting was held on July 27th. Some time was spent discussing the request by American Whitewater for support for a Boating Study coming out of CWP funding. Their goal is to look at boatable days all over the country. The application came in kind of late (due August 1), and SeEtta asks that it go through the Needs Assessment Committee, although the group is just asking for a letter of support. Unsure as to how this meets our BIP goals.

Members discussed Needs Assessment and Ark Basin RT procedures for letters of support. Ben Wade discussed CWCB staff procedures for reviewing these applications.

At today's meeting, Sandy will report that the executive committee has concluded that future Colorado Water Plan grant apps will go through Needs Assessment if they want a letter of support.



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Watershed Health

Executive committee members have received a copy of the draft bylaws for ARWC. We would like EC approval to distribute the bylaws to the roundtable for adoption at the September meeting. The first meeting of the ARWC non-profit board would then be in November, at the executive committee meeting.

Regarding post-fire work in the upper basin – we are back in a situation where DHSEM funding is not being released to address post-fire conditions. ARWC has met with Fremont County commissioners, urging them to get together with Custer and Pueblo Counties and write a letter to the governor's office asking for funds to be released.

BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber – will give report to Roundtable

Phase II Risk Study – Brett, Jim, Seth

Following the Roundtable's guidance, we are now relying on Ben's reporting on this.

OLD BUSINESS

Jay Winner reported on ZINNO – that project is moving forward after a lawsuit was settled.

Voting Membership for Jean - Al Tucker

Since Jean is compensated by a grant provided through the Roundtable, she has withdrawn from this voting member position.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair's Executive Committee Appointment – Alan Hamel

Sandy would like to keep Alan on the Executive Committee. Members agreed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Next Meeting – September 13th, Pueblo Community College