



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

PLANNING OUR  
WATER FUTURE

## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

March 14, 2018

### **Executive Committee Present**

Sandy White - Chair  
Mark Shea - Vice Chair Cons  
Alan Hamel - CWCB  
Jeris Danielson - IBCC  
Terry Scanga - IBCC  
Jim Broderick - Past Chair  
Chelsey Nutter – Ch NAC  
Jean Van Pelt – PEPO  
Jack Goble - CWCB

### **Executive Committee Absent, Excused**

SeEtta Moss  
Al Tucker

### **Guests Present**

Gary Barber  
Jay Moore  
Tim Canterbury  
Ben Wade  
Carol Ekarius  
Elise Bergsten  
Lisa Patton  
Jay Winner

**Minutes/Notes Approval Previous Meeting:** Sandy called for approval of the February 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes. Meeting Notes were approved by consensus.

### **Reoccurring Matters:**

**CWCB – Jack Goble/Ben Wade:** Jack reported that the CWCB meets next week. There will be a lot of grants to review and approve. CWCB has hired Brian Macpherson to be the DSS Specialist, taking over Andy Moore's responsibilities.

**Ben:** Brian will be present at the meeting today.

- SWSI draft BIP guidance will be available by the end of the year.
- SWSI data done this year, but final report next year.
- Members asked about funding for the BIP update and about the HUC vs Stream Reach approach for the BIP.
- The last round of funding, that usually comes in April, was \$3 million. It has not yet been decided whether, when and how those funds will be dispersed. They may be held and added to the possible \$2 million in the coming year's Project Bill.

- Based on the new SWSI information, what objectives should we be planning for in regards to the BIP update? Jack thinks that's partially up to each roundtable, especially since the Ark Basin RT was ahead of other roundtables for the original BIP.
- Gary – we're reviewing now, using BIP coordination dollars now to be prepared for the upcoming update.
- Sandy asked Ben and Jack to take back to CWCB the message that we take our BIP seriously and are concerned about the BIP update. We'd like guidance and information as soon as possible, as well as assurance of funding.
- Jeris asked, regarding the funding shortage, will the CWCB board look at the two basins that have \$2 million sitting in basin funds with no plan to spend it? Jeris asks that Jack bring this up at the CWCB board meeting.
- The good news about the majority of funding going to CO Water Plan grants rather than WSRF grants, is that the fund is all statewide – there's no limit per basin as to what can be applied for.
- We know we have good projects, should we be spending so much on the SWSI update rather than on projects?
- What's the reasoning behind giving so much money to water plan grants rather than the WSRF this year? It creates the perception that prioritization is shifting to top-down rather than bottom-up.
- **IBCC – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga**
  - The IBCC met February 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Education/Outreach to each roundtable regarding Conceptual Framework
  - At Roundtable meeting, review storage study
  - Funding concepts task group – asked what to do with funding that might be put together.
  - Clarify agriculture's position.
  - Include roundtable importance of vetting
  - The IBCC decided to send a letter to all candidates, asking Roundtable chairs to send the letters for their area.
  - The next meeting will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Summit County.
  - Conceptual Framework had 7 concepts, but have only studied #4, regarding the Colorado River. Need to educate roundtables and the community on the entire Framework.
  - Severance Tax – you may never see this funding again.
- **PEPO – Jean Van Pelt:**
  - Working with water education Colorado, promoting water fluency program
  - Last day for registration is April 14<sup>th</sup> for the above.
  - Funding series is completed for now. If something arises, let Jean know.
  - Still don't have a PBS showing date for the documentary. In the meantime, we have a lot of interest from folks who are interested in a showing.
  - Education to action projects
    - District sent out RFP for website improvements
    - Working with Kansas Division of Water Resources, CWCB, and Bill Tyner to put together a tour for ARCA in May.
  - Invitations went out for Forum VIP dinner – please RSVP. Registration for the Forum is also open. Seeking sponsorships.
- **Needs Assessment – Chelsey Nutter**
  - Wanted to show the website to show everyone where to find information about how to apply for funds or for letters of support.
  - Next meeting planned for June
- **Non-Consumptive Needs Committee – Gary Barber**
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1-3, BLM office, Canon City

- **ARWC BOARD MEETING – Mark Shea, Lisa Patton, Carol Ekarius**
  - Policy updated and ready for approval
  - Would like to modify the Junkins Fire grant scope of work. The project cost less than expected, so funds can be re-allocated and still fit the scope and grant contract.
- **ARWC BOARD MEETING**
  - Participation agreement with USFS Comanche Grasslands, regarding the Picket Wire Canyon trail. Opportunity to partner with USFS to address erosion that has a potential to impact water quality. Participation will not use ARWC funds.

*A motion to approve entering into a Participation Agreement with USFS Comanche Grasslands was duly made, seconded, and passed.*

- Policy Document – has been circulated to the Executive Committee.
  - Board members discussed issues with the policy document, agreed to make a few more changes and come back for approval.

**Ph II Risk study – Ben:**

Still in data analysis mode, doing simulations, looking at State Mod. SWSI info will need to be incorporated into their study.

**BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber:**

- WSRF Account Balance March 2018
  - 120,117
- Drainage District
  - Channel Upgrades
  - Eliminate flooding basements
  - \$18,500
- Small Town in Lower Valley – Las Animas
  - Selenium permit limit exceedance
  - Discharge specific variance application
  - \$20,000
- Would like the go-ahead to move forward with these projects.
- Okay to go forth and conquer.
- Gary will write up the need and bring to the NAC. April, May, July. Ok with EC.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled is April 10, 2018, at Otero Junior College, La Junta

Submitted by Elise Bergsten, Secretary

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**Committee membership:** Sandy White (C), SeEtta Moss (VC-NonC), Mark Shea (VC-Cons), Al Tucker (R), Alan Hamel (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Jim Broderick (past C), Chelsey Nutter (Ch-NAC), Mike Weber (VC-NAC), Jean Van Pelt (PEPO), Jack Goble (CWCB)

**Additional distribution:** Ben Wade (CWCB staff), Gary Barber (BIP Coord), Carol Ekarius (ARWC Coord), Elise Bergsten (Secy)