



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

November 14, 2018

### Executive Committee Present

Mark Shea – Chair  
Mike Weber – Vice Chair Cons  
Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Env/Rec  
Al Tucker - Recorder  
Alan Hamel - CWCB

Tim Canterbury – IBCC Alternate  
Terry Scanga – IBCC  
Jeris Danielson - IBCC  
Chelsey Nutter – Chair NAC  
Jean Van Pelt – PEPO

Brett Gracely – V Chair NAC  
Jack Goble - CWCB  
Sandy White – Past Chair  
Amber Shanklin – Env/Rep

### Executive Committee Absent

### Guests Present

Gary Barber  
Carol Ekarius

Elise Bergsten  
Julie Knudsen

**Greetings and Introductions:** Mark called the meeting to order at 10:32am and then requested introductions from everyone.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mark called for any changes to the agenda.

**Minutes/Notes Approval Previous Meeting:** Mark solicited changes or corrections to the October 10, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Notes/Minutes hearing none the approved the minutes by consent.

**Reoccurring Matters:** Mark opened moved on to Reoccurring Matters on the agenda opening the discussion on issues significant and coordinated with some of our subcommittees. These may be areas of storage, Alternative transfer methods activities in the basin.

Mark suggests that instead of continuing with the reports, as has been, we focus more on the coordinating work with our subcommittees and then discussing these matters. Mark feels it more important than giving previews of general meeting discussions but offering more in-depth exchange on what our subcommittees are involved with. This will highlight work which is more specific to the executive committee and informative of efforts our committees are involved in.

- **CWCB – Jack Goble/Ben Wade:**
- **IBCC – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga:** Terry reported on the reason the Roundtables were formed and the funding processes that had been developed. Current legislative needs are currently being addressed by the Keystone group and the Walton Foundation to come out with our funding problems and how do we approve new funding sources. The issue of storage and is it important enough to seek additional taxing. Terry went on to explain funding sources one being a water tax based on decrees as to the amount entities would be taxed. The burden would fall on those who had the largest decrees one being agriculture as these are the largest holders of water rights. It was dismissed early on with taxing marijuana and other so called sin taxes. At issue are healthy rivers, aquifers, water quality, conservation efficiency, healthy ag, and compact efficiency's as being our focal areas for the roundtables. The inception of the roundtables from HB05-1177 in 2005 is water right protection being one of our first

charges. Two issues 1> funding / 2> Drought Contingency Plan. These two issues need to be brought to the roundtables from the IBCC staff.

Sandy brought up the TABOR issue which will require a vote. At issue who is sponsoring this legislation and how the roundtables be more informed. John Stulp may provide some insight with this. Sandy iterated the need for the roundtables to get more direction before any type of action be taken. At stake is how the ballot measure is drafted prior to any votes be casts.

Chelsey suggested that we focus on the different committees work at the roundtables rather than just give brief highlights. This will allow members be more informed of the work being done at committee level and will also highlight some of the funding issues at stake.

- **PEPO – Jean Van Pelt:** Jean reported on the recent activities regarding PEPO and stating Amber is currently taking the lead on website development and other activities.
- **Sub-Committee reports, as necessary**
  - **Needs Assessment, Chelsey, Brett:** Chelsey reported the next date for Needs Assessment is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> in Canon City. She will send out info prior to the meeting.
  - **Non-consumptive / Enviro/Rec – Bob Hamel:** Bob reported on the Enviro/Rec meetings taking place and the committee has grown to twenty participants now and new energy with all the representative organizations now active in the committee.
  - **Watershed Health – Mark Shea/Carol Ekarius:** Mark asked for a motion to adjourn so the ARWC Board meeting can commence. The motion was made seconded and carried to adjourn the Executive Committee.
  - **BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber:** Gary gave his last BIP updates and confirmed the grant is now in the final funding procedures. The funds carried over from the earlier years will return back to the Basin account.
  - **Ph. II Risk study – Brett, Jim, Seth:**

Meeting adjourned @ 12:00 pm  
Submitted by Al Tucker Recorder

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**Committee membership:** Mark Shea (C), Bob Hamel (VC-NonC), Mike Weber (VC-Cons), Al Tucker (R), Vacant(CWCB), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury(IBCC), Sandy White (past C), Chelsey Nutter (Ch-NAC), Brett Gracely (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)

**ARWC BOARD MEETING NOTES**  
**November 14, 2018**

Mark called the meeting to order at 11:30 am of the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative after adjourning the Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting. Mark turned the meeting over to Carol Ekarius Executive Director of ARWC with the first order of business being the annual election of officers selected from the Executive Committee of the Ark. Basin Roundtable.

The Election of ARWC officers follows the changes in the Executive Committee after the annual meeting of the Roundtable.

**The ARWC Board of Directors are as follows:**

**Executive Committee Ark Basin Roundtable**

Mark Shea – Chair	Tim Canterbury – IBCC Alternate	Brett Gracely – V Chair NAC
Mike Weber – Vice Chair Cons	Terry Scanga – IBCC	Jack Goble - CWCB
Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Env/Rec	Jeris Danielson - IBCC	Sandy White – Past Chair
Al Tucker - Recorder	Chelsey Nutter – Chair NAC	Amber Shanklin – Env/Rep
Alan Hamel - CWCB	Jean Van Pelt – PEPO	

Mark volunteered to continue as ARWC Chair asking for any others who wished to fill this position. As no one else volunteered Mark was selected. As co-Vice Chair positions Mark nominated Chelsey and Mike as their work the past year in the upper and lower basins has been very supportive of ARWC. Asking for other nominations for these positions no one volunteered. Chelsey and Mike were selected. For the Secretary position Chelsey and Mike were again selected to co serve in the capacity. Al volunteered to be Treasurer. Sandy White made the motion to approve the positions of those nominated. The motion was seconded and carried.

The positions are;

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| - Chairperson – Mark Shea        | - Secretary/Recorder – Chelsey & Mike will work together on this |
| - Co-Vice Chair – Mike Weber     | - Treasurer – Al Tucker  |
| - Co-Vice Chair – Chelsey Nutter |  |

**ARWC Staffing:** Carol stated that because of her time restraints the following needs to be discussed.

for filling ARWC's key positions with individuals that will dedicate time to grant writing and several other demands that come from staffing issues. The following needs to be addressed;

- Carol has been carrying the coordinator position right now; but cannot devote 40 hours per week to this position
- Need to strategize how to hire an Executive Director in 2019. Will need some unrestricted funding, but position would mostly be funded through grants
- Carol suggested forming a committee to develop a job description and potential salary that needs to come from unrestricted funding. Mark as Chair concurred.
  - o A suggestion was made to have the newly elected officers form this committee. After discussion it was felt the committee could well be formed with any of the Board members or with individuals from general membership who are also included in ARWC.
- Mike was appointed to Chair the committee for developing an Executive Director position with job description and commensurate salary.
  - o A question of this will be a contract or full time to include benefits. This will be a decision of the Committee.

Mark called for a motion to adjourn. Al made the motion it was seconded and carried.

*Meeting adjourned 11:47 am.*