



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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WATER FUTURE

## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

August 08, 2018

### Executive Committee Present

Sandy White - Chair  
Mark Shea - Vice Chair Cons  
Al Tucker - Recorder

Alan Hamel - CWCB  
Terry Scanga - IBCC  
Jim Broderick - Past Chair

Chelsey Nutter – Ch NAC  
Jean Van Pelt – PEPO  
Jack Goble – CWCB

### Executive Committee Absent

Jeris Danielson - IBCC

Mike Weber - NAC

### Guests Present

Nick Koch  
Gary Barber

Tim Canterbury  
Ben Wade

Elise Bergsten  
Bob Hamel

### Minutes/Notes Approval Previous Meeting;

### Reoccurring Matters:

- **CWCB – Jack Goble/Ben Wade:**
  - Jack reviewed the meeting by the CWCB staff for both east and west slope projects focusing on watershed and drought issues. The staff has now put together a Drought assistance resource document and financial assistance which includes wildfire funding. The two main programs being looked at with CWCB which are the drought and fire recovery programs with available funding at \$2M which may require a 50% match. Also being looked at are the rainfall and flood possibilities resulting from the fire damage. Water quality is also an issue requiring considerable attention resulting from the fires. The work sessions will begin next spring.
  - Ben discussed the upcoming meetings beginning in August. These will be on the drought and contingency planning with the Bureau of Reclamation providing financial assistance.
  - Jim Broderick questioned the funding and priority for distribution of the \$2M available earmarked for these programs. Jack responded that the obviously these funds will need to be distributed in an equitable way.
- **IBCC – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga:**
  - Terry stated the IBCC is scheduled to meet October 18 in Durango and nothing else to report at this time.
- **PEPO – Jean Van Pelt:**
  - Jean reported that with Jeris out of town the final decision for the Coordinator position will be on hold until September. There are two candidates to date.
  - As for the education to action planning a meeting was held in the upper basin and there was a joint Roundtable tour of the upper Rio Grande which was well attended.
  - Jean will be attending the statewide PEPO meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> in Vail.
  - The WSRF grant there are continuing shows of the Arkansas River Documentary and are being well received. There will be added documentary on tributaries by Dr. Ebersole coming up in 2019.
  - The Program manager position has been accepted by Kristie Nackord and has worked with the Forum in the past and currently hasn't applied for the PEPO position.

- **Sub-Committee reports, as necessary**
  - **Needs Assessment, Chelsey**
    - Chelsey stated that all the grants that have been approved through the Needs Assessment have been submitted to CWCB by the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Sandy commented Chelsey on creating a process for grant approvals and ensuring it's adhered to.
  - **Environmental and Recreation – Bob Hamel:**
    - Opened by discussing the Salida Steam Plant workshop and it was an overwhelming success and ending up turning people away with the seating capacity of 250 full. Bob discussed the outdoor retailer show and he representing the Roundtable at this event with the Metro and South Platt with Lacy Williams show Coordinator and this as well was an outstanding success. This is one of the largest outdoor retail events and attracts up to 80K attendees. Another show will be held in January which Jean will furnish copies of the Documentary. These events are held at the Denver Convention center.
    - Bob discussed the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting which was well attended in Canon City focusing on rebooting the non-consumptive into the Environmental and Recreational Committee where it was decided to have monthly scheduled meeting every last Monday of each month. This allows individuals to better schedule and prepare for these meetings.
    - Two areas that have been discussed at this meeting were the name change and possible amending the Bylaws to reflect this committee's work. We want to have more input from the Roundtable and agencies to better serve. Mark added the EC position available in October to select an Environmental/Rec Vice Chair and working with this committee with this position.
    - Bob mentioned that a recognition for SeEtta's long support of this committee and considering what may be done to do this. Sandy stated the he's discussed this with SeEtta and she wants to think it over. In this regard Sandy suggested that we hold off doing anything at the present time.
  - **Watershed Health – Mark Shea/Carol Ekarius:**
    - Mark discussed fire mitigation and water quality work being done by ARWC. Carol discussed the Spring Creek fire work and money being sought to address the flooding that will probably take place due to the loss of watershed. These flood conditions could adversely affect La Veta. Sandy asked if these flood concerns were for the town and or the sewage treatment facility. Carol said both.
  - **BIP Coordinator – Gary Barber:**
    - Gary gave an update to the projects going on and the upcoming South Slope Joint Roundtable meeting scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Gary discussed the extension for the BIP grant. He then turned the grant process over to AI (BIP Contact) to discuss the grant being turned in August 1<sup>st</sup> to the CWCB to meet the deadline. This bypassed the NAC process as it was an extension of an existing grant that had been extended previously and he felt that since no changes had occurred and this is a necessary project there wouldn't be an issue. Consensus was not to proceed beyond November 30, 2018. At this time resubmit grant proposal for funding by June 2019.
  - **Ph II Risk study –Jim, Seth:**
    - No report

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

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

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