



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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WATER FUTURE

ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Wednesday May 8, 2019, 10:30 am
Pueblo Community College
900 W Orman Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee Present

Mark Shea – Chair

Mike Weber – Vice Chair Cons

Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Env/Rec

Abby Ortega – NAC

Jeris Danielson - IBCC

Al Tucker - Recorder

Tim Canterbury - IBCC

Jack Goble - CWCB

Sandy White – Past Chair

Amber Weber - PEPO

Executive Committee Absent

Terry Scanga – IBCC

Amber Shanklin – Env Rep

Guests Present

Nick Koch

Ben Wade - CWCB

Annie Berlemann – CO Spings Ut

• Greetings & Necessary Introductions;

- Chairman Shea opened the meeting at 10:30 am with general comments about the meeting, logistics, and the Arkansas Basin Water Forum to follow. He called for additions to the agenda. Began with introductions of executive committee and guest.

• Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes;

- Upon motion by Committee Member Tucker and second by Committee Member Hamel, the Committee approved the minutes by consensus.

• Reoccurring Matters:

○ IBCC – Jeris Danielson / Terry Scanga

- We have two meetings scheduled, one on July 18 at the CWCB meeting and then again in September.

Mark noted that the legislation for the sports betting was approved and sent to vote. He does not believe that there were amendments to the language with Sandy's concerns. We will be looking to CWCB for administration.

Hamel inquired as to what percentage of the sports betting tax will go to the Water Plan? Goble responded that approx. 2/3 of the revenue is currently slated for water issues. The Walton Foundation has breakdowns for this revenue.

○ SWSI Implementation Group – Terry Scanga / Amber Shanklin / Abby Ortega

- No updates as of yet. Mark talked to Russ and Greg about interest in knowing what the RFP looks like for hiring a general contractor. Not sure when that will be available. Ben noted that this will be brought up at next conference call. More information at the June meeting.

○ CWCB – Ben Wade / Jack Goble

- Jack Goble gave a snippet of his update. Senate bill 212 is a new bill which created a new statute for what money can go towards and codified the water plan grant program as well

as specified the details that are consistent with current grant program. The sports betting will more than likely follow the same procedure. The Projects Bill and other legislation passed and details will be presented at the main meeting.

Mark noted that LAWMA won't present at the May CWCB meeting, but at the July meeting. ***(Local Arkansas Water Management Association)***

- Mike Weber announced that the CWCB grants, both Water Plan and WSRF, are due June 1. We will post to new website for review along with a score sheet/checklist for all needs that are being met by grants, once created, and will be utilized for the grants that pass through Needs Assessment. Abby suggested that a modified version for SWSI implementation document be used and emphasized that this new process will help to rate on merit of project. The details are still being discussed. Mark suggested that with the upcoming BIP update, implementation of the working group, and development of tools, it would be good for anyone with a project to look at it for their use. No meeting for Needs Assessment has been set at this time.
- **PEPO – Amber Weber**
 - Will provide report at the roundtable meeting
- **Sub-committee reports, as necessary;**
 - **Needs Assessment – Abby Ortega**
 - Abby stated nothing to report at this time
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 - **Environmental/Recreation – Bob Hamel / Rena Brand**
 - The Environment/Recreation committee met on April 29th. Coordination with ARWC will work well and Chelsey is running with it. The one thing they focused on was the Oil Creek Diversion which ties to the Arkansas Master Plan. They got the key players in the room to speak on goals and details for their project. They are submitting a feasibility study grant for June 1st. Grape Creek reservoir will be coming through Needs Assessment as well for a storage alternatives analysis. Sandy asked if LAWMA was going to try again and go through our process. Mark said it is his understanding that CWCB is working directly with LAWMA and they will present at the July meeting, with no additional input from roundtable.
 - Bob closed with stating that an internal meeting within CPW on BIP so they can prioritize the items in the BIP. Mike mentioned that the Cuchara Conservancy District may be putting in a grant for groundwater work in Las Animas County.
 - **Watershed Health – Chelsey Nutter**
 - No formal Report. Mark stated on behalf of Chelsey- she is getting after it all. We had the business call this past Monday mapping out the priorities for Chelsey and ARWC. She is lining out the roadshow and getting herself and ARWC out across the basin. Getting a funding plan and reviewing strategic plan for ARWC will be some next steps. Mike mentioned that she is planning on putting an RFP out for the Science Plan but he hasn't seen it yet.
- **Old business:**
 - **Contract Exchanges**
 - Mike announced that Bill Tyner will come for our June meeting to give a presentation from the first contract exchanges meeting and he will hopefully bring Kevin Rein with

him. Abby noted that the week of the 20th there may be a follow up meeting. Our June meeting should cover any information missed in the first and second meetings.

- **Roundtable Business:**

- **Roundtable Responsibilities**

- Elise support and funding- Mark began by explaining that we are trying to streamline business to lighten her load. Email back and forth takes up a lot of her time, but PEPO will support her moving forward. Elise will stay as the primary contact through the new arkbasinrt@gmail.com email, and Amber will serve as a backup for redundancy. We need to make sure our expectations of Elise are realistic and information is efficient to the membership. Al mentioned that Elise has latest, up to date email addresses. Mike explained that we worked with Elise for contact information for everyone on her lists and he will provide a breakdown of each committee and extension of the roundtable. We will send this out as a sharable document as well as keep it in the new email. With the new email, it eliminates the process now that everything runs through Elise's email. Elise, Amber, Mark, and Al have access now. Mark suggested that perhaps later on Amber may present to the Executive committee for a communications plan and policies and procedures breakdown.
 - A discussion regarding policies and procedures and their accessibility was had and it was decided that Amber will create a packet of information for all members that will be handed out including the policies and procedures handbook. Al stated he had written policies on conflict of interest and Letters of support in 2016 for the Roundtable and will share these with Amber along with the revised set of Bylaws. Al also suggested that Jean Van Pelt has had access to professional printing programs for the Water Forum and perhaps this something we could look into.

- **Meeting Locations- Frequency and subcommittees**

- Mark pointed out the need to repurpose the Roundtable meetings and have a grant workshop scheduled sometime between August 2019 and March 2020 with PEPO. We need to make sure everyone is informed and see how it fits in scoring criteria for SWSI and Needs Assessment tools. Attendees can bring conceptualized ideas with them. Because we are in full swing of the BIP update, there may be another meeting to repurpose with a sub-contractor present in 2020.

- **Filling Vacant Positions (Topic / Bob Hamel)**

- Bob asked if we are filling any of our open seats on the roundtable and Mike replied that he had read policy and it is the county appointment. The roundtable can't take it to a vote or go to them. For some of the local places, he reached out to them and informed them of an open seat. As of now, there are 13 open seats right now. He reached out to Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Otero. Otero has a project but no one to represent. Other counties don't have projects so they don't get involved. Mark mentioned that since now that we know who has vacancies, we can reach out to them and their needs. Getting to monthly meetings may not be feasible for some of these counties. Al will identify the county administrators for the empty seats. Mark requested Al draft a letter for signature using contact information of the Roundtable's Admin email address to streamline the process. <http://www.arkansasbasin.com/contact-us.html>
 - A brief discussion about attendance and how it affects membership ensued. Mark asked Al to put together a short letter to counties with representatives that do not attend to be sent to county administrators. Bob asked about our empty legislative appointee to which there was no real knowledge of the process. Mark suggested that we discuss as an Executive Committee and roundtable and will start now and plan on doing something in the fall. Mike suggested John Stulp to be our Legislative Appointee because he lives in

Arkansas Basin and has the experience. Mark will reach out to John to see if he is interested in it.

- Mark called for anything else. ARWC will be on point for BIP update and mentioned that ARWC's Strategic plan needs to be updated.
- Mike noted that meetings and conferences will be up on website calendar. Amber followed by a suggestion that everyone send dates to her and she will update the calendar. Mark also stated that once dates for committee meetings are set, we will get it to Amber to update on website. Mike stated that July 17-18 is the joint IBCC and CWCB held in the Arkansas Basin.

- **Today's Roundtable Agenda – review and revise as necessary**

ARWC BOARD MEETING

- Mark stated we are looking to Chelsey to push forward projects with funding access. At this time we're waiting for the Strategic Plan be delivered to the membership. Amber will forward this plan for review.

- **Upcoming Meetings**

- **Arkansas Basin Roundtable – June 12, 2019 PCC**

- **Subcommittees**

- **Enviro/Rec Committee – No Meeting May with Reconvene in June**

- **ARWC BOD Business Call Meeting June 3, 2019 Conference Call**

- Mark pointed the need to adjust the ARWC Business calls so that they fell on the Mondays proceeding the week of the Roundtable's scheduled time to ensure 10 calendar days between ARWC and the Roundtable. Mark will ensure Chelsey is aware of this change.

- **C-9 Basin Statewide Summit – Sept 25-26, 2019 Headwaters Center, Winter Park**

Meeting adjourned @ 11:40 am

Submitted by:

Amber Weber & Al Tucker Recorder

Committee membership; Mark Shea – Chair, Mike Weber – Vice Chair Cons , Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Env/Rec, Jeris Danielson – IBCC, Al Tucker – Recorder, Tim Canterbury – IBCC, Terry Scanga – IBCC, Jack Goble – CWCB, Sandy White – Past Chair, Amber Shanklin – Env Rep, Amber Weber – PEPO – Abby Ortega, Needs Assessment

Additional distribution: Ben Wade (CWCB staff), Chelsey Nutter (ARWC Coord), Elise Bergsten (Secy)