

**ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2019  
10:31 AM**

A regular meeting of the Executive Committee was held Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at Pueblo Community College, 900 W. Orman Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mark Shea–Chair	Terry Scanga - IBCC	Amber Weber – PEPO
Mike Weber–Vice-Chair	Chelsey Nutter – ARWC	Abby Ortega – NAC
Bob Hamel-Env/Rec	Jean Van Pelt – PEPO	
Jeris Danielson - IBCC	Jack Goble - CWCB	

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Al Tucker - Recorder  
Tim Canterbury - IBCC  
Sandy White – Past Chair  
Amber Shanklin- Env/R  
Ben Wade – CWCB  
Nick Koch

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Lisa Walters – Colorado Springs Utilities  
Keith Goodwin – Otero County

**OPENING REMARKS- Chairman Mark Shea & Vice-Chair Mike Weber**

Began with introductions of those present for the guest in the audience.

There was a call for additions to the agenda.

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The Committee approved the minutes by consensus.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**IBCC- Terry Scanga & Jeris Danielson**

There is a meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> in Leadville with CWCB. Mark asked the IBCC representatives to bring up the sports betting/gambling presentation to see if they can present at our roundtable meeting. They have presented at the Rio Grande Roundtable, so Terry will reach out to the Trust for Public Lands spokesperson.

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### **SWSI Implementation – Abby Ortega**

There is nothing new to report after speaking of the C-9 summit agenda last meeting. They will meet again next week.

### **Colorado Water Conservation Board**

Jack gave updates during the general session. Jean asked about the CWCB meetings hosted in Ark Basin, because PEPO normally helps with tours in the basin. The meeting will be in Leadville the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Jack mentioned that there are CWCB projects in the area that they are looking at, but suggested to ask Ben if he needed PEPO to assist.

### **PEPO- Jean Van Pelt & Amber Weber**

Gave update during regular session.

### **Needs Assessment- Abby Ortega**

We have six grants with three asking for roundtable funds, and three statewide funds with letters of support. There is meeting scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at Fremont County Administration Building. Jack Goble mentioned there is \$177,000 now, with another distribution in July from the state. With these grants, there is just about \$50,000 sought after. Discussion was made on whether to encourage more grants being written or whether to conserve money, and it was determined that it's okay that we aren't using every dollar, there is a good amount of money, but let's use it wisely. Terry mentioned that there could be a really good program/project, so we can use the reserves later.

### **Environment & Recreation- Bob Hamel & Amber Shanklin**

Environment/Recreation had a meeting, but it was mostly ARWC type items. A couple of things: we keep talking about BIP master list and trying to go over it, but it seems like we need to put it out there that they need to put it forward, we won't carry it for the proponents. We don't know who wants the projects, so they need to come forward and we won't champion their cause. Bob, Rena, and Chelsey have been talking about the roles, the BIP, and how we handle it. Whoever it is that put the projects on the list, they should go through it, prioritize it, add new projects, take some off, bring to enviro/rec committee and plead your case. This plays into consumptive users and municipalities too. The second thing is contract exchanges- that's something that enviro/rec needs to start to discuss and understand the potential impacts and what that means to recreation flows, environment, etc. and have that discussion at the enviro/rec. not just consumptive, it's non-consumptive too. Mike mentioned that we had contract exchanges on the agenda for the July meeting, but Bill Tyner had to move it to August. The next meeting for him is July 2<sup>nd</sup>, so they can give a good update for the roundtable. A meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Engineer's office will give more information on contract exchanges and may be attended by someone like Bob.

Setting up a structure with people from the roundtable and executive committee to be familiar with scoring criteria for scoring projects is important. It is very clear that it is the responsibility for the entity to look at their projects and make priorities. We have a structure so that they can do

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their portion of work and we can utilize the roundtable committees like the enviro/rec., but not just Bob and Rena can manage this, everyone needs to help. Make a clear outline and short write up on how we think we might approach this and what everyone's responsibilities are and who will be involved. A discussion regarding the state contractor and the sub-contractor for the basin was carried out and Terry suggested that we develop a format, or template that the contractor knows they need to work within, and stakeholders can own their project. We can define wants vs. needs, a timeline, etc. Stakeholders need to approve what category it needs to go into. That proponent proposes a project, ensures that it is in the implementation plan, and then they can use it as justification. The timeline of when to create this format was discussed and Jack mentioned that the RFP will be sent out in August for the general contractor. It's important to remember that this will be used by CWCB for going to Congress to ask for money or give them a timeline for projects. They can take to legislation and can understand where we are at and give proof. Jack commented that it's not our job to do it for the contractor or project proponents. If the proponents aren't on board, we shouldn't do it for them. They may not know money is available or what a BIP is, that there is money available, etc. Mark said that we need to be prepared to provide support to other people. Chelsey suggested that we use the committees and PEPO, ARWC, etc. to tell members to call these RT experts so that we can help them. Mike we have a resource available through CWCB, who gets paid, let's use them. Mark asked that PEPO help put documents together and feed it to CWCB. Mike added on by saying that we need to be educating everyone, maybe by a flow chart, one pager, etc. Al put that letter together for open county seats and then send it with that letter with stakeholders/projects in that area that they have and to ask them to reach out.

### **Watershed Health- Chelsey Nutter**

Chelsey was on the agenda for a presentation during the regular meeting, so waited to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS /ANOUNCEMENTS- Mark Shea & Mike Weber**

Roundtable responsibilities is an agenda item that we need to solve. Mike wants to be sure that we are defining who sends out emails, what does it mean to be a representative, who are constituents, etc. Al wrote a policy and bylaws to identify some different roles of individual people/ Chair/ Vice-Chair. Amber mentioned that we have a need to define everyone's role, especially in the small duties; where is the line between Elise and myself in correspondence? Jeris mentioned that maybe Al should help draw these lines? We have a lot of it in the bylaws, but we need the smaller stuff. Mark explained that we are unique because we have a paid secretary at \$5,000 per year. The question is what we get for that amount of money. How the executive committee goes about this was discussed and then Jeris moved that Mark sit down with her and define her roles and what she gets compensated for. Terry seconded the motion and then started discussion that we have a conversation with Elise and develop a scope of work. If she agrees, we go from there. Motion passed by consensus. Mark will take care of it.

Presentation schedule is as follows: next month- Needs Assessment Committee and grants; August, contract exchanges; September, rainwater harvest; September/October we have the C-9 Summit recap. We will have a funding workshop late this year, early next year. Jeris suggested that the DCP is going to "mushroom", so maybe a presentation at the roundtable meeting would be good.

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At the all Chairs conference call, there was a slide about hiring the general contractor for BIP updates and they will try to have the person hired by the C-9 Summit. There will be funding available to off-set costs for RT members/non-voting members for coverage of attendance. Jack mentioned that there is funding for two student scholarships for each roundtable basin. Mike mentioned again that the details were sent by Elgin for funding for travel expenses.

### **NOTICES & MEETINGS**

- ARWC BOD Business Call Meeting – July 1, 2019 10 am (Conference Call)
- Contract Exchanges Meeting – July 2, 2019 (State Engineer's Office)
- Next Roundtable Meeting – July 10, 2019 10:30 am, Exec. Comm. & General RT, 12:30 pm (Pueblo Community College)
- Env/Rec Committee Meeting – June 24, 2019 10 am (Canon City BLM Office)
- Basin Roundtable Summit – September 25-26, 2019 (Headwaters Center, Winter Park, CO)

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Shea adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Submitted by:  
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