



Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College

Executive Committee Present: Mark Shea – Chair; Mike Weber – Vice Chair Consumptive; Bob Hamel – Vice Chair Enviro/Rec; Mike Fink – Recorder; Jeris Danielson & Terry Scanga - IBCC; Abby Ortega – Needs Assessment Committee; Jean Van Pelt & Amber Weber – PEPO; Sandy White – Past Chair; Jack Goble & Ben Wade - CWCB; Chelsey Nutter – ARWC;

Guests Present: Paul Fanning, Gracie Goodwin, & Brett Gracely

Call to Order: Chairman Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Greetings and introductions were performed.

Minutes: Consensus to approve the November 12, 2019 Executive Committee Minutes as presented. The Minutes from the Regular November 12, 2019 Roundtable Meeting will be presented for approval at the January 8, 2020 Roundtable Meeting.

Recurring Matters:

Amber reported that planning for a WECO tour in the lower Ark on June 2 -3 is underway. The area will be from Pueblo Reservoir to JMR. PEPO is working to ensure it is a well-balanced tour that highlights the BIP and how it is being updated. Mark asked for this topic be kept on the monthly briefing list.

Demand Management / Drought Contingency Plan meeting: A public process will be used to develop a Plan similar to SWEAP. Roundtable member participation will be essential in this process.

ARWC Board discussion – ARWC is seeking a WSRF grant requesting assistance to help with up front costs associated with developing projects. These costs all incur before getting an implementation grant. Tasks include projects, stakeholder engagement, tours, mapping, modeling, grant writing, forest health nexus, collaborative development, etc. This is a 2.5 - year proposal. Chelsey drafted a letter to Roundtable members explaining the current financial situation, services ARWC provides, how members are served, and a request for match support. Currently Chelsey reports 3 times a month on the same projects which is redundant. This resulted in a decision to eliminate the monthly business call. ARWC and PEPO will both develop a detailed report with task/fund balances and percent complete to be presented monthly at Ex Committee and Roundtable meetings.

A discussion was held on how to avoid the conflict of interest clause in the WSRF guidelines. Specific instructions state an entity may not have a personal financial stake in the grant application. This situation arises with each application, because all applicants have something to gain and all applications benefit the Roundtable in some way. Intent should be a conflict of interest only if an individual/organization has a personal and direct financial benefit.



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New Business:

Local Expert – hiring process and scope discussion

Mike Fink presented QBS services procurement hiring process.

The committee decided the allowance of \$290K should be listed in the request for proposal / scope in order to be transparent with applicants. Not knowing the exact services the general contractor will be able to provide there may be a need to fund specific analysis and engineering using the \$290K. The Local Expert will need to secure engineering / modeling expertise for the update. Data pertaining to yields and costs are going to be difficult to determine. The Local Expert will need to come up with a consistent formula to assist entities without the resources to develop these themselves. The Technical Update has a cost tool available. The Local Expert will also need to be very familiar with the needs of the basin. In order to be pro-active, outreach workshops will be necessary. PEPO is already planning for these to assist the Local Expert in these efforts.

The committee identified the gaps that the Local Expert will need to further refine: Enviro/rec, agriculture, and small water providers. The big municipalities have their own resources and data that can be used. The Technical Update doesn't properly address these gaps and CWCB, General Contractor and the Local Expert will need to further investigate this. The municipal conservation numbers in the Update needs to be modified. The General Contractor should be responsible for addressing these issues. The committee felt the Roundtable shouldn't have to spend designated BIP update dollars to fix the data presented in the Technical Update.

The Committee agreed with Sandy's memo that outlined priorities for the BIP Update (not in any particular order):

- Clean up, "enhance" and prioritize Master Needs / IPP lists
- Investigate, refine or re-define the "gap(s)"
- Quantify the long-term need for storage
- Environment and Recreation
- Watershed protection and restoration

Others suggested adding the following as priorities:

- water quality projects
 - Loss of supplies due to water quality
 - Nexus between water quality and quantity
 - Environmental impacts from water quality
- Future water supply projects or issues that would impact the gap
- Projects that directly address the gap and needs
- Municipal / ag nexus
- Innovative storage projects
- Innovative infrastructure / conveyance projects

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.