



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Executive Committee Meeting Notes

September 9th 2020 – GoToMeeting

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Executive Committee Present: Mark Shea – Chair; Mike Weber - Vice Chair; Mike Fink – Secretary; Amber Shanklin – Secretary of ARWC; Carol Ekarius – Acting Director of ARWC; Paul Fanning, Sandy White – Past Chair; Greg Felt - CWCB Representative; Bob Hamel – Vice Chair (Recreational and Environmental Committee); Brett Gracely and Wil Koger - Consultant; Russell Sands – CWCB Staff; Ralph Scanga – IBCC Representative.

Call to order:

Chairman Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. Greetings and introductions were performed.

Minutes:

Consensus approval for the August 12th, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

ARWC Board Meeting:

- Project Updates: No updates
- Executive Director Update: No updates

Reoccurring Matters:

- Chair Comments- Mark Shea- There was an All Chair conference call, Mark will ask Russ Sands to give an overview during the Basin Roundtable meeting in the afternoon.
- ABRT BIP Update/ Local Expert- Brett Gracely, will report out in the afternoon.
- Other Outstanding Reports-Any Executive Committee Member- Mark Shea mentioned that the Roundtable met with Abby Burke from the West Slope. Abby is working with representatives of all the Roundtables about a condition assessment framework that is being promoted for Stream Management Planning in different parts of the state.
- **Q:** Mike Fink mentioned, with Abby Ortega not here, do we have any report out for the Needs Assessment scheduling for our future grant reviews?
- **A:** Mark Shea stated that most of that discussion will be addressed in the report addressing the All Chairs discussion and Russ Sands plans to present that topic in the afternoon. Mike Weber said he hasn't spoken with Abby Ortega just yet but he knows what they have been looking at, and that's accepting those WSRF grants and the Water Plan grants for the next cycle those might change going into 2021, but the process will be the same for the rest of 2020.



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New Business:

- None

Work Session:

- RT Meeting Length- Mike Weber has been hearing from many Roundtable members that three-hour (3HR) meetings are tough to sit through.
- Mark Shea thinks a two-hour meeting is reasonable, and gives the Roundtable members the ability to make decisions, and the importance of addressing business needs.
- Amber Shanklin suggest a consent agenda; making the reports narrative rather than just discussion topics might help reduce meeting times.
- Mike Weber considered Amber's suggestion and is concerned that he won't be able to get all Committees to write a report every month.
- Sandy White suggested a link online, and if they are interested, they can look at the link provided.
- Mike Fink suggested moving the Needs Assessment Committee up in the Agenda for the applicants, instead of making it the second to last topic on the Agenda.
- Mark Shea concerns are not the applicants who sit through too much. He thinks the Roundtable members are the ones who sit through too much. Applicants are informed they can show up at a later time, and they are also told what time presentations are taken place.
- Sandy White would like to see some of our successful grant applicants come back and describe the project as completed, and their greatest success stories.
- Mike Weber agrees with Sandy's comment and wants to bring those applicant's in every other month, but again back on the virtual side of things we are trying to lessen meeting times.

Old Business:

- None

Needs Assessment Meeting:

- None

Roundtable Business:

- None

Upcoming Meetings:

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – October 14, 2020- **Note this is the annual meeting**
- BIP Update Workshops
 - Workshop #1 Lower Basin- September 23,2020 @ 10:00 AM
 - Workshop #2 Upper Basin- September 29, 2020 @ 12:00 PM
- Subcommittees
 - Enviro/Rec Comm.- September 28, 2020
- CWCB Board Meeting –September 16 & 17, 2020
- IBCC- September 21, 2020

Mark Shea adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 12:00 PM.