



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

PLANNING OUR
WATER FUTURE

ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES COMBINED ZOOM & PCC Wednesday March 9, 2022

Executive Committee/Guests Present:

Mark Shea – Chair
Al Tucker - Rec
Paul Fanning – Leg Rep, PEPO
Sandy White – Past Chair
Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec
Abby Ortega – Needs Assessment Excused
Steve Kastner – Vch Cons.
Tim Canterbury
Kat Weismiller
Jeris Danielson - IBCC

Tom B
Gracy Goodwin - UAWCD
Terry Scanga - UAWCD
Jonathan Paklaian – ARWC Director
Amber Shanklin - ARWC
Greg Felt – CWCB
Sam Stein - CWCB
Russ Sands – CWCB
Matt Heimrich

Greetings and necessary introductions:

Mark called the meeting to order @ 10:35 noting a quorum present.

Minutes/Notes of Previous meeting:

Mark called for comments or corrections to the February 9, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes. Al Tucker suggested correcting the header to show date. No further corrections minutes approved by consensus.

Reoccurring matters:

- **Chair Comments –**

- Mark reported on the All Chairs meeting held March 1st with Russ Sands chairing. There were discussions regarding the water plans and the updates to the on-line Water Plans Document which will be available in June 2022. Discussions were made regarding Roundtable's and added seats. According to the Attorney General's office Roundtables do not have the authority to create additional seats. Legislative authority allows for the managing of their business. This still leaves open for some discussion and perhaps developing a handbook regarding processes. Some Roundtable's have created these documents which members use. Lisa Darling who serves on the Metro Roundtable has offered to investigate these options. Mark will distribute this assessment when Lisa is finished. The concern now arising is following our 2020 devastating fires is the importance of Watershed Health and fire mitigation focus. Interest from other Roundtables has arisen with our partnership of with Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative we formed earlier. Sam Stein confirmed that we're staying in compliance with the AG's interpretation of the statutes regarding creating additional seats.



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

PLANNING OUR
WATER FUTURE

- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members**

- Jeris Danielson's IBCC Report will be given in the general session.
- Paul Fanning will give the PEPO report in the general session.
- Steve Kastner report on Street Management concerns relating to consumptive and water quality as being suitable for future presentations and seeking people/groups that would participate in these activities. This may open opportunities for educational and networking with other Roundtables and organizations. Sandy thought presenting projects funded and completed in our basin and resulting positive influences on water usage. Greg Felt mentioned the Colorado River and all that is happening it's important to keep us all updated with these matters. These matters are important as involving the State Engineer's office relating to water rights issues and other concerns. Demand Management is still an ongoing issue as it relates to all the Basins and the strategies going forward. Greg pointed out the importance of getting further project updates on the Arkansas Valley Conduit. This is now important as this project now may have federal funding that at the start in 2020 wasn't fully available. The possibility of accelerating this work is now important.

Roundtable Business: 103:52

- **Executive Committee Membership –**

- Mark opened the discussion for Executive Committee membership. This topic has been previously discussed as it relates to our ARWC EC members. Also it's been pointed out this gives us a great deal of diversity and broadens the depth of our expertise. The question is; do we need to require them to be EC Committee members as a condition representing ARWC or relieve them of these time demands however continue encourage their participation whenever time permits. Sandy felt this could be an optional decision left up to the ARWC personnel. Amber expressed to serve the ARWC Board but perhaps removing the EC membership requirement allowing an increase focus to ARWC matters. Al Tucker raised the proposal that membership on the EC shouldn't be a condition for serving on the ARWC Board. Mark felt this is a practical solution. This option will be looked into and importantly stay within our legislative guidelines and still ensure ARWC's non-profit designation remains unaffected. Jonathan Paklaian felt this direction being discussed is a positive for ARWC's duties and responsibilities.

- **Roundtable Bylaws provisions with Executive Committee –**

- Mark pointed out in our Bylaw's provisions pertaining to the Executive Committee membership may allow opportunities for some latitude that we may consider in dealing with our current situation. Sandy indicated that it's incumbent that both our Chair and Recorder ensure that our Bylaws track on how we do business. As example previously we amended our Bylaws to change from the Executive Committee being the Needs Assessment to having a designated committee handling this. So it's important that our Bylaws reflect our operational procedures. Mark agreed we should review our Bylaws



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

PLANNING OUR
WATER FUTURE

to ensure they're representative to our business needs. Al agreed to look at our Bylaws to ensure they track our needs as we currently operate in particular our Needs Assessment Committee operation.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Mark discussed our next scheduled meetings the April Executive Meeting will be virtual followed by quarterly in person meetings as an option. This would be May as our in person meeting.
- Arkansas Basing Roundtable – April 13, 2022
 - Executive Committee – 10:30 AM
 - Roundtable – 12:30 PM
- Committees –
 - PEPOW –
 - Enviro/Rec Comm. –
 - Ag/Municipal Comm. –
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum – April 28 – 29, 2022
- IBCC –
- CWCB –
- ARWC –

Adjourn