



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES AND RECORD OF DECEISIONS

Start Time: 12:30pm

December 14, 2022

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building

Members/Guests in Attendance;

Mark Shea	Lauren Ducan	Kent Ricken	Emity –Denver
Bob Hamel	Jim Lynch	Terry Scanga	Water
Gracy Goodwin	Al Tucker	Jonathaian	Maria Brandt
Steve Kastner	Abba Aahmed	Paklaian	Steve Leonhart
Greg Felt	Jeff Rodriguez	Tom Verquer	Tom Samdel
Jeris Danielson	Matt Heimrich	Ariel Hacker	Chloe Lewis
Sandy White	Dan Williams	Mannie Colon	Bea Stratton
Joshua Godwin	Tim Canterbury	Scott King	Jim Baldwin-
Jack Goble-excused	Dwayne McFall-	Greg Teter	excused
Sam Stein	excused	Alli Schuch	

- **Greetings and Introductions;**
- Establish Quorum – quorum present
- Approval of agenda - Approved
- Approval of Minutes – November 2022 – approved by consensus
- Public Comment - none
- **Reports;**
- **Executive Committee – Mark Shea**
 - Executive Committee – Mark Shea opened the Exec Comm report introducing Lauren Duncan who has joined CWCB and will be working with state water plan grants as well as with the Roundtable.
 - Lauren Duncan – CWCB Regional Water Plan –Coordinator. Introduced herself stating her roll will be to connect project proponents to water plan dollars and assist with entering these grants to the program.
 - Mark also talked about the Exec Comm discussions regarding new members to the ARWC Board by adding new seats to the ARWC Board. These new positions may be filled by Aurora Water members refilling At Large seats with the Roundtable.
 - Another discussion at the Exec Comm meeting was using the PEPO funding water supply projects coordinator to work throughout the Basin to support these projects securing water grants.
 - A final discussion was regarding our project data base that will be addressed later by Jeff Rodriguez.



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- Mark discussed two open seats we have with the Roundtable. One of these seats will be with Otero County who has appointed Commissioner Jim Baldwin to the seat. He has been asked to be excused from this month's meeting due to a conflict with another scheduled meeting, but will be available going forward. We've also been working to fill our Environmental At Large seat which requires the endorsement of a Conservation group. The Nature Conservancy Org is endorsing Blake Osborn to fill the seat left by Amber Shanklin. Al Tucker moved to approve the selection of Blake Osborn to the Environmental Seat. Tom Verquer seconded the motion, motion carried.
- CWCB Report – Jeff Rodriguez, Russ Sands, Greg Felt; Mark turned over the CWCB report to Jeff Rodriguez who recounted that CWCB is wrapping up the public comments getting ready for the January meeting. A reminder that a celebration water plan meeting is scheduled for January 24th. This meeting is to bring together Roundtable, IBCC and CWCB members to network. There will be Basin Award Hero's Recognition will be performed at this event. Another important point is the WSRF criteria and guidelines have been updated. Jeff also mentioned there are several deadlines coming up along with some federal grants available in the portal. Steve Kastner asked if it was still available for the Roundtable to propose and add projects to the data base portal that aren't currently on our project data base. Jeff answered that is still available. Jeff brought up the State Project Data Base listing projects by Basin. Al Tucker asked, if project proponents have access to list projects allowing some projects that don't meet the Roundtable criteria but still can get listed looking as if they're supported. How do we address this? Jeff responded that there is a field that identifies if the project has gone through the Roundtable or not. Sandy White reiterated that this has been an ongoing problem with some of these self funded projects showing up on the data base as Tier One which requires the support of all the local agencies but slip by without this approval but still showing up as if they had. The data base can be reached via the following link: https://cwcb.force.com/s/project-idea-proposal?c_recordId=a015Y000016sV8aUAE
- Mark recognized our guest from the South Platte Director Robert Sakata, CWCB. Robert thanked everyone for their support for submitting comments on the Water Plan Grant. Another item discussed which came up in the last CWCB meeting was the Arkansas Valley Conduit with all the work that has gone into that project by their Board and support from the Ark Basin Roundtable.
- Demand Management issues and associated problems were asked by Terry Scanga of Jeff. Jeff responded that there is still a lot of work needed to resolve these issues as well as implementation of the plan. Terry pointed out that the upper basin is being pressured to cut back when much of the over consumption is still happening in the lower basin states. Sandy pointed out the issue of evaporation and what is being done about this since the water we contribute is prior to this evaporation and we're not getting any credit on this water loss. Jeff felt this will be discussed at the upcoming conference in Las Vegas.
- IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson, Terry Scanga; Mark called on Jeris to report on IBCC. Jeris reported that there is a meeting scheduled for the January 24th coinciding with the CWCB meeting.
- Needs Assessment – Gracy Goodwin; Mark called on Gracy to report; She introduced Bea Stratton with Denver Water to present her project for a letter of approval. Also mentioning that our next Needs Assessment is scheduled for December 28th.



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- **Native Grass Working Group** – Colorado Water Plan Conservation and Land Use Planning Grant Letter of Support Request – Bea Stratton, Denver Water. Bea presented her project focusing on lower water use landscaping and best practices with native grasses. The project cost is estimated at \$50,000
 - Ag/Muni Committee – Matt Heimerich, Kent Ricken
 - **Enviro/Rec** – Bob Hamel reported that with Blake on board they'll start scheduling meetings every few months but as of today they're still going forward with the Forum event scheduled for Colorado Springs in April 25&26 with the VIP Dinner on the 24th 2023.
 - Arkansas Watershed Collaborative – Jonathaian Paklaian reported that several projects are being completed and working on reimbursements. Still working on in Lake County projects. Jonathaian mentioned the Board expansion being worked on. Bob Hamel brought up his recent meeting with the Arkansas Outfitters Association and the Arkansas River Conservation Cooperative in their support of ARWC's work has offered support in the amount of \$15,000 per year for the next two years. Bob then presented a check to Jonathaian.
 - PEPO – Jonathaian Paklaian reported that a work group meeting is scheduled to discuss the use of funds for basin wide support to ensure water users are aware of the Roundtable available grants and resources available for water projects.
- Mark called for the meeting to adjourn at 3:00pm
- **Upcoming Meetings**
- **Arkansas Basin Roundtable January 11, 2023**
 - **Executive Committee – 10:30am**
 - **General Session – 12:30pm**
- **Committees**
 - **Needs Assessment – December 28, 2022**
 - **Environmental/Recreation Committee – January 2023**
 - **Agriculture/Municipal Committee – November 8,9,10 or 15 2022?**
 - **IBCC - TBD**
- **ARWC – Q4 December XX TBD**
- **IBCC – February 15, 2023, Oct 2023**
- **CWCB Board Meeting – November 16-17 – Denver Water**
- **PEPO - Work group meeting December 15th 9am**

