



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
Wednesday December 14, 2022 10:30 am
Pueblo Community College
900 W Orman Ave, Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair
Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec
Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB
Abba Aahmed – Aurora Water
Steve Kastner – Vch Cons
Gracy Goodwin – NAC

Jeris Danielson - IBCC
Al Tucker - Recorder
Greg Felt – CWCB
Jonathan Paklaian - ARWC
Terry Scanga – Upper Ark
Sam Stein – CWCB

Tim Canterbury - IBCC
Sandy White – Past Chair
Matt Heimrich – AG @ Large
Dan Williams - CC
Lauren Duncan - CWCB

1. Greetings and Introductions;

- Mark called the meeting to order at 10:30 noting a quorum was present.

2. Minutes/Notes of Previous Meeting;

- Mark called for approval of the November 9, 2022 Minutes. Sandy White moved to approve the minutes the motion was seconded motion carried.

3. Reoccurring Matters:

- Chair Comments - Mark opened with two reoccurring matters for this afternoon's General Session. First, being Lauren Duncan Water Plan Grant Manager/Coordinator to the Arkansas Basin and welcome back Jim Baldwin who represents Otero County to the Roundtable. We will confer the approval of Blake Osborn to the At Large Environmental Seat that has been vacated when Amber Shanklin left. Mark mentioned briefly the ARWC funding that will be further discussed at our afternoon meeting.
- Outstanding Reports – Gracy Goodwin mentioned we have one person who will be giving a brief report for a letter of support for a water plan grant this afternoon. She also mentioned that December 15 is the deadline for the next round of grant funding. She expects at least three more applications meeting this timeline.
- Lauren Duncan was called on to introduce herself and discuss her aspirations with this new appointed position representing our designated Water Plan Grant Coordinator for the Ark Basin.
- Terry Scanga raised the issue regarding funding being divided into specific categories making it difficult for project proponents to apply. As many projects may meet more than one criteria but being categorized to a specific part of the funds available causing uncertainties.

• Roundtable Business;

- Mark opened the discussion with Gracy on Grant Cycles which look as if they're going to be scheduled up to six times a year. Mark pointed out that scheduling these grant cycles ever two



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months will consume a lot of Roundtable time and maybe we should consider a less frequent schedule. The Water

- Plan Grant is June and December while the WSRF grant is schedule in other months of the year. Perhaps we should look and see scheduling these grants together so they might line up better. Gracy responded that having three or four times per year may work. Al suggested that we that perhaps we schedule biannual or quarterly meetings. Mark suggested we do each grant program twice a year which is a quarterly schedule.
- Mark brought new ARWC business with filling possible new seats on the ARWC Board with individuals being looked at. One would be a possible new seat with the City of Aurora which Abba or Rick Kientz may be asked to fill. Both being excellent candidates. Also a replacement for our At Large Environmental representative which we've asks Blake Osborn if he would be interested. A third ARWC Board seat we're looking into being filled is by Harrington who worked on mitigation on the Big Thompson has participated with the Roundtable. Terry Scanga suggested these new ARWC seats be ex officio board seats.
- Mark opened the discussion for PEPO Grant. Jonathan confirmed the funding is current for this grant. Jonathan presented the grant breakdown for ARWC detailing the tasks being funded and level of funding. These tasks were as follows;
 - Assist with and attend Roundtable meetings, plan and moderate work group meetings participate in statewide PEPO meetings.
 - Website/Facebook page mtce.
 - Funding Information Disseminate to project proponents, public education on project funding
 - Arkansas Partners Network Meeting and Reports
 - BIP information/education, including creation and distribution of print and electronic material
 - Al suggested that any BIP Coordinator brought on board be familiar with all basin projects to ensure overlapping projects benefit the basin e.g. Project management skills. Jeff suggested the funding for BIP will need to come from the Basin funds because it's not a match for WSRF or Water Grant funding. The issue there Sandy pointed out is with Huerfano County Conservancy District providing some funding the labor is beneficial to the entire basin.
 - Representation at in-person events
 - Indirect costs for ARWC grant Administration

4. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – January 11, 2023
 - Executive Committee – 10:30 AM
 - Roundtable – 12:30 PM
- Committees
 - PEPO – TBD
 - Needs Assessment December 28, 2022
 - Environmental/Recreation – None in December, back in 2023
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - ARWC – TBD
 - IBCC – TBD



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- CWCB Board Meeting –

5. Adjourn

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- **Committee membership:** Mark Shea (Ch), Bob Hamel (VCh-NonC), Steve Kastner (VCh-Cons), Al Tucker (Rec), Sandy White (Past-Ch), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Vacant (Legislative Rep), Vacant (At Large Environmental Rep), Sara Mudge (ARWC Board Member)
Additional distribution: Sam Stein (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Palkaian (ARWC Director)