



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Wednesday January 11, 10:30 am

320 Central Main St.

Pueblo, CO 81004

### Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair/Excused

Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec

Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB

Abba Aahmed – Aurora Water

Steve Kastner – Vch Cons

Jeris Danielson - IBCC

Al Tucker – Recorder/Excused

Gracy Goodwin – NAC

Greg Felt – CWCB

Jonathan Pakliaian - ARWC

Tim Canterbury - IBCC

Sandy White – Past Chair

Terry Scanga – Upper Ark

### 1. Greetings and Introductions;

- Steve Kastner called the meeting to order noting a quorum was present.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Amendments & Approval;

- Steve called for approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2022 Executive session, approved without amending.

### 3. Reoccurring Matters:

- Chair Comments – Steve Kastner, Chair *pro tem* relayed update from Dan Gibbs regarding the governor's budget referencing grants funding of \$12.2M available from sports betting that will go to CWCB with another \$5M from the general fund with additional \$7.6M also from the general fund. Steve also shared another proposal for \$13.9M available for Colorado River Technical support work. Both Jeff Rodriguez and Greg Felt regarded these appointments for Technical support programs were a positive step going forward.
- Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members, Steve called on the Executive Committee members for additional reports prior to this meeting they wished to share. Gracy Goodwin shared with the committee her Water Supply Reserve Fund Grant Tracking schedule and available funds for each project. Gracy went over the grants being funded since the last round of approvals in December.

Gracy said there will be two grants presented at today's Roundtable for recommendation. We've allocated to date is \$269,600 and if approval for recommendation these latest proposals we'll drop another \$39,000 for a remaining total of \$730,400.

Steve clarified the next round will be in April putting us in the February, August schedule for proposals.



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CWCB Deadline	Grant Requestor	Organization	Description	ABRT Funds	Statewide Funds	Match	Total Project Costs	Match Percent	Available Basin Funds
Beginning	Balance								\$1,000,000
12/1/22	Jonathan Paklaian	ARWC	Upper Ark Comprehensive Watershed Restoration	\$ 50,000.	\$252,650.	\$210,405.	\$512,055.	51%	\$ 950,000.
12/1/22	Steve Kastner	Beaver Park	Upper Canal Automated Diversion Headgate Rep	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 46,000.	\$ 9,200.	\$ 61,300.	25%	\$ 943,900
12/1/22	Gaye Davis and A	City of Walsenburg	Coler Ditch Diversion Project	\$124,184.	\$ 498,436.00	\$ 212,500.00	\$ 835,120.00	40%	\$ 819,716
12/1/22	Lisa Pace	Colorado Springs Utilities	Landscape Transformation	\$ 50,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 400,000	50%	\$ 769,716
2/1/2023	Gracy Goodwin	UAWCD	UAWCD DCP upgrade and Expansion	\$ 30,066	\$ 100,217	\$ 70,152	\$ 200,435	50%	\$ 739,650
2/1/2023	Chris Tomky	Rocky Ford Highline Canal	Upper Canal Automated Diversion Headgate Rep	\$ 9,250	\$ 69,375	\$ 13,875	\$ 92,500	25%	\$ 730,400

#### 4. Roundtable Business;

- Discussion of Project List – Steve presented the lists of WSRF projects in the Arkansas Basin from 2007 through 2022 indicating funding levels. Steve asked Jeff Rodriguez if these projects have completed their funding levels or is there still funds left in the assigned accounts. Jeff stated they're still tracking the funding and at this time are unsure. Many of these projects are in a state of completion and the funds allocated first are the Basin funds followed by the statewide funds. These projects can be found on the WSRF web page which shows all statewide projects, but may provide a more detailed account of the funding levels. Jeff will send the link to this WSRF project list.
- CWCB Colorado River Update Presentation for March – April? Steve discussed the Reclamation proposed dates for the planned Colorado River consumptive limits by the states prior to the Bureau setting its own limitations. Greg Felt replied that the proposed March – April dates may still be viable. Steve agreed that by then we should have a better knowledge of the snow levels. Jeris mentioned to get a better understanding of the Colorado River issues is go to the Colorado River Conservation District Newsletter that if fairly informative on these issues.
- Financial template for NAC presentation and WSRF applications- Steve opened the discussion for a financial template for our Needs Assessment applications. It's currently confusing with the Portal applications. Gracy is working on refining a financial template, but breaking down the funding into certain categories is sometimes restricting. She is looking for more clarification on what is needed by the Roundtable membership. Gracy showed her statewide funding percentages with matching funds to include matching requirements.



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- Discussion on Housekeeping – membership list, membership email and interested parties email list – update and maintenance – Steve brought up the need for housekeeping issues mentioned by Elise in regards to updating the membership lists and email addresses being kept current. We have several vacancies needing to be addressed. Sandy White stressed this should fall into our Recorder's duties.
- Other – Jeff Rodriguez mentioned of the upcoming Celebratory event coming up January 24<sup>th</sup> to celebrate outstanding Basin individual. All Roundtable members are invited and encouraged to attend.

## 5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – February 8, 2023
  - Executive Committee – 10:30 AM
  - Roundtable – 12:30 PM
- Committees
  - Needs Assessment - ?
  - PEPO - TBD
  - Environmental/Recreation – January 30, 2023
  - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
- ARWC – First Quarter Board Meeting?
- CWCB Board Meeting – January 23-24<sup>th</sup>, Aurora (with Water Congress)
- Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention, January 25-27, Aurora
- Arkansas River Forum, April 24-27, Colorado Springs

## 6. Adjourn

- Steve called for adjournment

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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), Blake Osborn (At Large Environmental Rep), vacant (ARWC Board Member) **Additional distribution:** Sam Stein (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Palkaian (ARWC Director)