



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday April 12, 2023, 10:30 am
Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main St,
Pueblo Colorado

1. Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea – Chair	Abba Aahmed – Aurora	Dan Williams - CC
Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec	Water	Jean Van Pelt – ARBWF
Jeris Danielson - IBCC	Steve Kastner – Vch Cons	Sarah Mudge
Al Tucker - Recorder	Gracy Goodwin – NAC	Ariel Hacker
Tim Canterbury - IBCC	Greg Felt – CWCB	
Sandy White – Past Chair	Jonathan Pakliaian - ARWC	
Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB	Terry Scanga – Upper Ark	

2. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- Mark called the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present.
- Mark asked if anyone wanted to add to the Agenda. Agenda approved/no changes.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments & Approval

- Mark asked for amendments or changes to the March 8th Minutes hearing none minutes approved.

4. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark Shea commented on the All Chairs Meeting held April 3rd and attended by both Steve Kastner and Al Tucker in his absence. Steve reported on the meeting discussing the first item was regarding updates with the Colorado River and its demands. Another item was the spring water forecasts and projected levels. The Colorado Water forecasts and updates. Jeff Rodriguez added further comments on the ongoing Colorado Water concerns and directions being taken to help resolve some of these concerns. Terry Scanga shared his concerns with the Water Plan Direction as it relates to water rights. Mark requested copies of the Water Plan from CWCB with the technical updates when available. Sandy White inquired if the Water Plan's includes stream restoration projects as required in SB 270? Terry Scanga responded that is his concern as well the Water Plan does a high level analysis that isn't accurate and from this derives water policies and this is a problem. This document should not be used to drive water policies according to Terry.
Steve next reported on the upcoming Drought Summit scheduled for May 31st. Jeff indicated he has some links for the Drought Summit he will post of the Chat line. Also there is registration and an information link for the Drought Summit with an agenda. Terry imitated the discussion of what are Drought Resiliency strategies vs storage reservoirs to ensure future water needs. Only storage will ensure water needs are met.
Steve next reported on the WSRF program and an infusion of \$300K per year funding for each Basin. Jeff added that depending on severance tax levels funding could increase in the Basins with the potential for additional funding.



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4. Reoccurring Matters cont.

Steve noted another topic was the Urban Conservation task force for development and water conservation focusing on turf replacement throughout the state.

Steve reported the last item discussed at the All Chairs Meeting was a Roundtable Handbook to be made available to all existing and future Roundtable members.

Steve mentioned one of the last items discussed at the meeting was Al Tucker's questioning documenting processes with CWCB and Roundtables. This was regarding posting documents that may not have had the approval process completed. Jeff responded that with the with Colorado's Open Records Act that minutes of Board meeting are potentially public documents and should be posted in a timely matter which may be within ten days following meetings. They don't need to be approved at that time but made available for public viewing. This may require the chair viewing the minutes and, if satisfactory, have them posted. Jeff has provided a meeting minute's templet which shows how brief minutes can be. The only necessary entries are action items. Terry brought up that he believed there isn't any documented state law requiring posting prior to approval. Jeff will investigate this. Mark pointed out that with our minutes being more substantive that some members find them helpful especially if when unable to attend in person.

- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members**

5. Roundtable Business

- COCO Work on Project List – Jonathan gave a brief update on where we were on the COCO currently. At this time little to report.
- Other

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – May 10, 2023
 - o Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - o Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - o Needs Assessment – TBD
 - o PEPOW – April 20 (10:00am)
 - o Environmental/Recreation Committee – June 26, 2023 (10:00 am)
 - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - o IBCC – June 8, 2023
- ARWC – Second Quarter Board Meeting – April 20 (1:00 – 3:00pm)
- CWCB Board Meeting – May 17-18, Yampa/White/Green Basin
- Arkansas River Forum, April 24-26, Colorado Springs
 - CWCB Drought Summit, November 14, South Platte Basin, specific time & location TBD
 - C-9 Summit, November 14, South Platte Basin, specific time & location TBD

7. Adjourn

- Mark called for Adjournment
- ----- Committee membership: Mark Shea (Chair), Bob Hamel (Vice Chair-Non-Consumptive), Steve Kastner (Vice Chair-Consumptive), Al Tucker (Recorder), Sandy White (Past-Chair), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Vacant (Legislative Rep), Vacant (ARWC Board Member), Sara Mudge (ARWC Board Member) Additional distribution: Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB Staff), Vacant (Secretary), Jonathan Paklaian (ARWC Director)