



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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

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### 1. Executive Committee/Guests Present

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| Mark Shea – Chair        | Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB    | Greg Felt – CWCB         |
| Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec  | Abba Aahmed – Aurora     | Terry Scanga – Upper Ark |
| Jeris Danielson - IBCC   | Water                    |                          |
| Al Tucker - Recorder     | Steve Kastner – Vch Cons |                          |
| Sandy White – Past Chair | Gracy Goodwin – NAC      |                          |

### 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 April 12th Minutes – Motion and approval

### 4. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark discussed his appointment to El Paso Muni seat and vacating the At Large Water Holder seat in exchange for the Statutory Muni Seat. This opened the discussion for filling several of the vacated seats currently on the Roundtable. Mark asked members to recruit individuals for these positions. Mark pointed out that many don't know what we're about and who we are which effects filling these empty seats. Mark suggested that the Conservancy Districts would be a benefit in providing this information in their areas. Another example was the Water Forum's event this past month where there was a well-intentioned reference to the Roundtable and its purposes within the Basin. Greg Felt added that when county officials fill a seat but later are term limited they often are required to vacate their Roundtable seat when some of the other seats could be filled by these individuals who wish to continue their Roundtable membership.  
Another issue Mark discussed was the Water Forum's need for support funding and CWCB's suggestion that these support funds come from the Basin account. Mark suggested that Jeff Rodriguez look into this issue further. Jeff responded that the Forum couldn't be funded through the Water Plan Grant and CWCB decided that a better fit for funding was through the Basin's WSRF process. The reasoning was it's a better fit due to the Innovation and Education piece of the WSRF as well as touching on some of the Ark Basin's Goals and Education plans. Another reason is the Forum's focus on the Ark Basin along with the infusion of funds into the WSRF this year. Mark felt the funding should not be excluded by CWCB and only come from WSRF because of its educational statewide influence. Jeff iterated that the two parts of statewide funds are aging infrastructure and drought resilience which the latter may be a possible fit.



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- **Chair Comments cont. – Water Forum Funding**

Greg Felt said he would continue to look into the funding issues because of the Importance of the educational aspects of the Water Forum and the necessity of continuing these educational events. Terry Scanga inquired about submitting a three year plan budget for the Forum. Jeff replied that again this would have to be looked into.

Another item Mark brought forward was the Stream Legislation, Senate Bill 295 passed. This bill is to be implemented so that economic and environmental concerns are considered.

- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members**

## 5. Roundtable Business

- Other

## 6. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – June 14, 2023
  - o Executive Committee – 10:30am
  - o Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
  - o Needs Assessment – May 15th
  - o PEPOW – TBD
  - o Environmental/Recreation Committee – June 26, 2023 (10:00 am)
  - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
  - o IBCC – June 8, 2023
- CWCB Board Meeting – May 17-18, South Platte (hybrid)
- CWCB Drought Summit Meeting , May 31-June 1, History Colorado Denver
- Arkansas River Forum, April 24-26, Colorado Springs
  - C-9 Summit, November 14, South Platte Basin, specific time & location TBD

## 7. Adjourn

- Mark called for adjournment and reconvene at 12:30 with the RE

- ----- 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)