



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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**Arkansas Basin Roundtable Meeting
Minutes and Recorded Decisions
Wednesday June 14 , 2023 12:30 pm
Pueblo Convention Center
320 Central Main Ave
Pueblo, CO 81003**

Members/Guests Present;

Mark Shea	Doug Brgoch	Steve Kastner	Al Tucker
Bob Hamel	Frieda Parker	Pablo Fernandiz	Scott King
Blake Osborn	Kelly Roesch	Krystal Brown	Ariel Hacker
Jonathan Paklaian	Sandy White	Ronny Wright	Greg Teter
Jeff Rodriguez	Matt Heimerich	Rachel Zancsnella	Robert Sakata
Gracy Goodwin	Terry Scanga	Kent Ricken	Dwayne McFall
Greg Felt	Rena Griggs	Kelsea MacMaciroy	
Rick Kidd	Jeris Danielson	Bethany Arnold	
Rick Kienitz	Abba Aahmed	Josh Wingfield	
Sarah Mudge	Jeffery DeHerrera	Bobby Banham	

1. Welcome and Introductions -

- **Introductions** – Mark called the meeting to order with introductions
- **Quorum** was determined present, meeting commenced
- **Agenda approval** by consensus
- **Minutes of May 10, 2023** approved by consensus
- **Public comment** - hearing none proceeded with business

2. Reports –

• **Executive Committee -**

Mark reported on the Executive Committee meeting held previously that he attended the Water Quality Summit held at Otero Jr. College discussing water consumption, and water quality with the Arkansas River both in Colorado and Kansas. Mark also mentioned the Supreme Court ruling as it affected federal agencies and regulations regarding water issues. Colorado will be required to address tributary water definitions that have been previously defined. The Sackett ruling just handed down may affect water rights as previously determined by Colorado Water Laws. Mark also, mentioned the Water Forum's grant needs discussed earlier and the continued need for adding candidates to our roster in order to fill several vacancies.

- Nominees for At Large Water Rights Holder - At this time Mark called on Sandy White to introduce Doug Brgoch the candidate for the At Large water rights holder seat. Sandy gave a brief history of Doug's background regarding water



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commissioner duties for the past several years and water rights holder responsibilities.

- Mark introduced Kelly Roesch for the At Large water rights holder position who discussed his background in Agriculture and water rights holder. Kelly Roesch withdrew his nomination and a vote take selection Doug Brgoch as Seat Holder.

- **CWCB Report – Jeff Rodriguez, Greg Felt;**

Jeff and Greg reported on the following events and action items needing to be addressed. Greg reported the Summit was very successful; Director Sakata commented on the success of these panels commending Greg and Matt Heimerich for all the efforts they've attributed to their successes. Director Sakata recommended inviting our Legislative members to attend Roundtable sessions to gain firsthand knowledge of the contributions done by them regarding water issues within the state.

- Drought Summit Recap
- Upcoming Funding Deadlines – July 1st Water Plan Grants / August 1st WSRF
- Reminders on 1051 Reporting June 30th
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds Awarded 12/31/24
- Technical Assistance Awarded 12/31/24
- C9 Summit November 14th

- **IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson and Terry Scanga**

Terry reported on the Colorado River Taskforce and the issues being confronted regarding lower basin demands and the need to reduce acre feet demands on the Colorado.

- **Needs Assessment Committee – Gracy Goodwin the following Colorado Water Plan Grant projects are requesting "Letters of Support";**

- **Colorado Parks and Wildlife;** Rena Griggs presented the Grant request for the State Hatchery Low-Head Dam Removal project announcing that as of late funding for the project via the Colorado Water Plan Grant is no longer required due to other funding becoming available recently allowing the project to be fully funded. Gracy asked the Roundtable for consensus going forward for approval a Letter of Support. Approved.
- **Beulah Water Works District,** Frieda Parker, New 500,000 raw Water Storage Tank to serve 165 taps and 400 customers in a 152 acre service area. This will increase available water from current 45 days to approximately 75 days allowing local additional firefighting capacity. Project approved for a Letter of Support.
- **City of Greeley:** Dena Egenhoff & Ben Schaffer, CII Water Efficiency. The grant request is for Greeley to be the fiscal agent for a statewide water conservation program. The goal is to create a resource library that will be available throughout Colorado municipalities. Project approved for a Letter of Support.

- **Ag/Muni Committee –** Matt Heimerich and Kent Ricken, no presentation at meeting.
- **Enviro/Rec –** Bob Hamel and Rena Griggs, No meeting to report on at this time.
- **Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative –** Jonathan Paklaian, no report given at this time.
- **PEPO –** Jonathan Paklaian, no report given at this time.



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- 3. Presentation: Rachel Zancanella, Division Engineer, Current Status of Water Administration and the Colorado – Kansas Compact;** Rachel presented an update to the Arkansas River Compact with Kansas dealing with compliance issues going back to the mid twentieth century litigations and continuing today. The question is; water delivered to the state line, development along the River Basin, and quantities being delivered, as well as, point of measurement. These issues are still being debated between Colorado and Kansas water users.
- 4. Upcoming Meetings –**
- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – July 12, 2023
 - o Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - o Roundtable – 12:30pm
 - Committees
 - o Needs Assessment – As necessary
 - o PEPO – TBD
 - o Environmental/Recreation Committee – June 26, 2023 (10:00 am)
 - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - o IBCC – October 17, 2023
 - CWCB Board Meeting – July 19-20 Gunnison Basin (hybrid)
 - CWCB Drought Summit Meeting, May 31-June 1, History Colorado Denver
 - C-9 Summit, November 14, South Platte Basin, specific location TBD

- 5. Adjourn; Mark -**