



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday July 12, 2023 12:30 pm

Pueblo Convention Center

320 Central Main Ave

Pueblo, CO 81003

Members and Guests Present:

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| Mark Shea | Bob Hamel | Jonathan Paklaian | Jeff Rodriguez |
| Gracy Goodwin | Greg Felt | Rick Kidd | Greg Teter |
| Bryce Ehrlich | Al Tucker | Dwayne McFall | Doug Brgoch |
| Jean VanPelt | Dan Williams | Sandy White | Rena Griggs |
| Jeris Danielson | Jeffery DeHerrera | Steve Kastner | Scott King |
| Emily Aldrid | Ariel Hacker | Anna Mauss | Krystal Brown |
| Aaron Hilshorst | Maria Brandt | Tom Verquer | Andy Klakulak |

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 June 14, 2023** approved by consensus
- **Public comment** - hearing none proceeded with business

2. Reports –

• Executive Committee -

Mark reported on the Executive Committee meeting held previously. Duties of committee members was discussed, such as a back-up for the Recorder, and how we maintain our legal requirements and produce meeting minutes available to the public. Recording via Zoom and recording decisions in writing will suffice from a legal requirement, which will allow concision in documented meeting minutes. Also discussed was funding for the Arkansas Basin Forum and if it is a candidate for CWCB funding.

- New Bent County member to attend next month
- Interest in the Industrial At Large: Aaron Hilshorst at Climax Molly Mine

• CWCB Report – Jeff Rodriguez, Greg Felt;

Jeff and Greg reported on the following events and action items needing to be addressed. Jeff reported the C-9 Summit Agenda and would like additional Roundtable Feedback prior to finalizing the Agenda. Sandy inquired about the Roundtable Handbook Discussion on the C-9 Agenda item, and Jeff clarified that the intent was to clarify and solidify information, particularly for new Roundtable members. Jeff continued to update the Roundtable about the below items. Emily Aldrid, Water Planning and Climate Impact Specialist at the CWCB, introduced herself to the Roundtable, and will be working on the Climate Change in Colorado Report. Greg reported that there is additional staff funding which will help with actions and prioritization, as well as staff to support Becky Mitchell and Colorado River issues, and clarified the relation of Becky's



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position to the CWCB. Amy Ostiek and Becky Mitchell may attend the August Roundtable meeting to provide an update on the Colorado River.

- C9 Summit November 14th
- Upcoming Funding Deadlines – August 1st WSRF/Regional Supply Needs
- Cycle 2 Turf Replacement - August 31st
- Climate Change in Colorado Report expected release in Fall 2023
- Wildfire Ready Watersheds Awarded 12/31/24
- Technical Assistance Awarded 12/31/24
- **IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson and Terry Scanga**
Jeris reported the IBCC met on June 8th and the next meeting is planned to be October 18th. Jeff mentioned the October IBCC meeting is likely blend into the C-9 Summit.
- **Needs Assessment Committee – Gracy Goodwin**
 - **Reserve Funding** August 15th
 - **Water Planning Grant Requests** October 15th
 - **Water Forum Funding Application**
 - Jean Van Pelt presented the Arkansas Basin River Forum proposed funding request. The Forum is requesting Roundtable support for funding of 25% of project cost. Roundtable consensus to support the request.
- **Ag/Muni Committee – Kent Ricken** - meetings will resume in the fall.
- **Enviro/Rec – Bob Hamel and Rena Griggs** - all approvals for funding at Salida Low-Head Dam, goal to begin project in the fall, will provide construction updates to Roundtable. Potential for whitewater improvements in Salida/Buena Vista area, as well as hydroplant improvements. John Martin Reservoir has gained 70,000+ AF with the rains this year; working with municipalities to send some water to the fishery/conservation pool.
- **Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Jonathan Paklaian** - interest in the basin for wildfire-ready watersheds, grant funding for wildfire-ready watersheds, and Brad Udall will give a talk July 26th.
- **PEPO – Maria Brandt** – Project list will be sent out for update and prioritization; discussed the desire to increase PEPO across the basin, Creek Week will be in September.

3. Presentation: Anna Mauss, COO at CWCB – CWCB Grant Process & Procurement Updates; Anna presented about the CWCB grant approval process and the required paperwork for each grant program. They intend to hire someone to help applicants with the process, and Lauren will be returning from maternity leave later this month. Grants fall into separate categories due to the competitive nature, annual grant programs can be challenging because the funding source is not always guaranteed. Every funding opportunity is in the CWCB Portal.

4. Upcoming Meetings –

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – August 9, 2023
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment – As necessary



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- PEPO – TBD
- Environmental/Recreation Committee – TBD
- Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
- IBCC – October 19, 2023 (Tentative)
- C-9 Summit, November 14, South Platte Basin

5. Adjourn; Mark