



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday July 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	Doug Brgoch – At Large
Bob Hamel – Vch Env/Rec	Water	Russ Sands - CWCB
Jeris Danielson - IBCC	Steve Kastner – Vch Cons	Jean VanPelt - Forum
Al Tucker – Recorder	Gracy Goodwin - NAC	Ben Wade - CWCB
Sandy White – Past Chair	Greg Felt – CWCB	Emily Adrid
Jeff Rodriguez - CWCB	Jonathan Paklaian	Joseph Kelly

2. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- Mark called
- Mark called the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present.
- Mark asked if anyone wanted to add to the Agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments & Approval

- Mark asked for amendments or changes to the June 14, Minutes hearing none called for approval of the June 14, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes. Jeris moved to approve Abba seconded, minutes approved.

4. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark Shea moved onto the Roundtable Business starting with duties of our Recorder.
- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members;** Russ Sands requested if any upper river information on Roundtable engagements? Jeff replied there will be some upcoming discussions regarding compact issues and its affects to the river 2026 negotiations. Greg Felt added the importance of our state offering a unified voice on the impacts from any Colorado River decisions.

5. Roundtable Business

- Recorder Duties, Zoom use by committees – Mark inquired if any members could assist in the Recorder Duties regarding the meeting minutes going forward. Al Tucker offered to continue taking the minutes or maybe sharing the duties if someone wished to help with the minutes for the General Sessions. Sandy White affirmed that with our recorded sessions they could be posted in lieu of detailed written documents, if necessary. This way the written minutes could be limited to documenting our “Action Items” making them far more manageable for volunteers to assist with. This should conform to Colorado open meeting laws of which we’re obligated to observe. Al reiterated that he will continue with doing the minutes in their current format, but appreciates anyone who volunteers to step up and help.



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- ARBWF – Funding discussion with Anna Mauss, if available. Mark opened the discussion on the long term funding for the Water Forum turning the meeting over to Russ Sands CWCB who discussed CWCB Grant funds not being normally available for programs such as, the Water Forum. But, CWCB does offer sponsorships for similar type events which almost negates setting aside dollars specifically for this program. Ben Wade did offer that CWCB could do a New Task long term sustainability type grant plan. This would involve reducing costs, removing certain elements from the grant requests; ensuing cash match and focus on drought resilience programs. Gracy Goodwin spoke to the four year consecutive option probably wasn't the best fit for this program and therefore came up a more viable request for funding only from the Basin funds available. The decision to resubmit the request with different criteria was decided by NAC and the Water Forum representatives.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – August 9, 2023
 - o Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - o Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - o Needs Assessment – As Necessary
 - o PEPOW – TBD
 - o Environmental/Recreation Committee – August 28, 2023 (10:00 am)
 - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - o IBCC – October 17, 2023
- CWCB Board Meeting – July 19-20 Gunnison Basin (hybrid)
- Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference, August 22-24, Steamboat Springs
- 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)