



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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## Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday August 9, 2023 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building

900 W. Orman Avenue

Pueblo, CO 81004

### 1. Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea	Bob Hamel	Jonathan Paklaian
Greg Felt	Terry Scanga	Al Tucker (online)
Sarah Mudge	Sandy White	Lauren Duncan (online)
Jeris Danielson	Steve Kastner	Matt Heimrich (online)
Ariel Hacker	Abba Ahmed	Jeff Rodriguez
Amber Shanklin (online)		

### 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.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

- Ariel to temporarily fill in for Al for creating Meeting Minutes.
- Mark asked for amendments or changes to the July 12 Minutes. Hearing none, called for approval of the July 12, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes.

### 4. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark Shea noted that online attendance has not been being recorded. Would like to consider tracking attendance, and can log in as Admin on Zoom to create a report for those in attendance online.
- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members**
  - Steve asked if providing a letter of support for the Endangered Fish Bill was something the Roundtable could entertain. Mark responded by stating that Roundtables do not normally support or oppose legislation, but that its members do in their own organizations. The CPW is working on modifying the temperature requirement of the basin south of Pueblo Reservoir, and Sandy reported Sheep Mountain Reservoir repairs project. If interested, the Roundtable may invite stakeholders to present the information.
  - Mark invited Roundtable members to increase interactions with elected officials and their staff, and invite them to Roundtable meetings as well.
  - Will there be an All Chairs Meeting? Jeff responded that the C-9 Panel will serve as the second all-chairs meeting, and IBCC was designed to promote cross-basin communication. Mark stated that it would be helpful to have specific issues to discuss with counterparts and to encourage members of all Roundtables to meet. Sandy mentioned that the Arkansas Basin Roundtable might be able to learn from the



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struggles the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable has been encountering with 1041 Permits and Basin exports and suggested meeting with them. Mark said he will reach out to Heather Dutton at the Rio Grande Roundtable. This could also serve as a PEPO project idea.

- Steve brought up the concern about property taxes and Proposition HH in the upcoming legislative session. He questioned how this will affect local government finances. Greg responded that residential and vacant land will be greatly affected, particularly in rural areas, by taxes intended for urban areas. A surge in lot line vacations/consolidations is predicted. Protests have increased significantly since this bill was introduced. Special Districts may be able to temporarily reduce the effects, but there are many concerns, and the question remains on whether it would be best addressed at the state or local level.

## 5. Roundtable Business

- October Election of Officers
  - Legislative Appointee Seat: Discussed nominating Kelly Rousch
  - At Large Industrial: Aaron Hilshorst
  - Bent County: Kim MacDonnell
  - Interagency Liaison: Andy Klakulak
  - At Large Water Rights Holder: Doug Brgoch
  - Current board of officers want to continue, and in current capacities?
    - Begin thinking about future roles and transitions

## 6. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – September 13, 2023
  - Executive Committee – 10:30am
  - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
  - Needs Assessment – As necessary
  - PEPOW – August 17
  - Environmental/Recreation Committee – TBD
  - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
  - ARWC Board of Directors to reconvene – TBD
  - IBCC – at C-9 Summit
- C-9 Summit, November 14, South Platte Basin

## 7. Adjourn; Mark