



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday October 11, 2023 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building

900 W. Orman Avenue

Pueblo, CO 81004

1. Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea	Abba Ahmed	Bob Hammel
Al Tucker (online)	Gracy Goodwin	Terry Scanga (online)
Lauren Duncan (online)	Sandy White (online)	Russ Sands (online)
Jeris Danielson	Steve Kastner	Tim Canterbury (online)
Ariel Hacker	Jeff Rodriguez (online)	Greg Felt (online)

2. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- **Mark called** the meeting to order noting there was a quorum (7 online) present. Tom Grasmick and Kelly Rousch were excused from the meeting.
- **Mark asked** if anyone wanted to add to the Agenda.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

- Mark asked for amendments or changes to the August Minutes. Hearing none, called for approval of the September 13, 2023 Executive Committee Minutes.

4. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark Shea unsure if he can attend C-9 Summit, asked if Gracy could attend in his stead. Jeff recommended that the Arkansas Basin representative is prepared to talk on a panel about challenges faced and momentum obtained, utilizing available funding, and projects. There will be 9 panelists, and he anticipates 5 questions. It will be facilitated by Ken Bremmer of the Yampa Roundtable, and all Roundtable members are invited. The Rio Grande Roundtable meets the second Tuesday of each month. Mark suggested a meeting with them in Salida, which is about halfway, in February, and asked for support with logistics from CWCB staff. Contact Mark or Steve with discussion topics, and they will help create an agenda. Members discussed a number of ideas to start with. Greg mentioned some of these topics might be good to discuss at C-9 Summit, and members who do not plan to attend can submit questions to those who do plan to attend.
- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members**
 - Annual reports and bylaws to be discussed at the regular session annual meeting this afternoon. It was asked what should be included on annual report, and if we do them. Al stated that we need to update bylaws so that they are in compliance with redrafted revised statutes and open meeting laws. Steve, Mark, Al, Bob, and Ariel will take the first round of edits and present those to the executive committee at a later date.
 - Mark asked if the Roundtable should consider hosting its annual meetings at different locations around the state.
 - Al would like to keep a running attendance sheet for the course of 24 months to track quorum requirements, excused vs unexcused absences. 2 unexcused absences in a row,



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at the president's discretion, means a member is not active. AI will look into provisions in the bylaws and ensure they agree with state statutes, and brainstorm effective methods of tracking quorum and attendance. AI clarified the difference between excused and unexcused absences. Jeff will show us how to pull attendance record from Zoom after a meeting. Alternatively, members may also introduce themselves in the chat as they join the meeting, because the chat is recorded. Jeff also mentioned that the CWCB stakeholder guide will have helpful information with drafting bylaws and ensuring no conflicts with state statutes, and that this topic will be discussed at the C-9 Summit as well.

5. Roundtable Business

- October Election of Officers
 - Industrial At Large: Aaron Hilschorst - email Becky Mitchel as head of IBCC to finalize
 - Legislative Appointee Seat: Kelly Rousch – Mark asked Jeff to confirm correct legislative contacts
 - Custer County Muni, statutory representative: David Schneider
 - Pueblo County seat: Daneya Escar
 - At Large Industrial: Aaron Hilshorst

Mark reached out to members who have not attended for a long while. Karen Salapich is stepping down as at large water rights holder. Please bring nominations to the Roundtable. Chaffee County Municipal and County seats are both open. Greg is Chaffee County Commissioner, and can convey information while he's the CWCB representative for another 2 years, possibly returning as the County representative after. Terry and Mark expressed that these openings could also serve as opportunity for new people to join, as that keeps the Roundtables sustainable and could provide an opportunity for younger people to get involved. There is nothing preventing Director Felt from holding both chairs, either. Greg will reach out to other Chaffee County Commissioners to see if there is interest in filling the County seat.

Jeris requested a brief update on Lauren Duncan's work. Greg and Lauren provided a detailed update to the Roundtable about what Lauren has been assisting with since returning from maternity leave, as well as challenges faced, particularly regarding timing with deadlines vs presenting projects to the Roundtable.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – November 8, 2023
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment – TBD
 - PEPOW – October 19
 - 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, Westin Hotel in Westminster, CO

7. Adjourn; Mark 12:16pm