



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday December 13, 2023 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building

900 W. Orman Avenue

Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee/Guests Present

Abba Ahmed

Bob Hamel

Steve Kastner

Russ Sands

Kat Weismiller

Lauren Duncan

Al Tucker (online)

Jonathan Paklaian

Ariel Hacker

Mark Shea

Sandy White

Jeff Rodriguez

Jeris Danielson

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- **Mark called** the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present with five Executive Members present.
- **Mark** asked if anyone wanted to add to the Agenda hearing none Agenda approved as is.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

- **Mark** asked for amendments or changes to the November 8th EC Minutes noting Bob Hamel's name had a typo. Mark also requested minutes sent to him in Word for proof reading prior to approval. Hearing no other changes or comments to the Minutes Mark called for consensus to approve.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark discussed the C-9 Summit and the All-Chairs Panel he participated in. He discussed at the Summit our Roundtable's partnership with ARWC, its ongoing support, as well as our reaching out to smaller communities in the Ark Basin and our offer of assistance to move their projects forward. It was generally agreed that the Summit was successful for all involved as connecting the water communities throughout the state. Mark discussed upcoming meetings and a joint meeting with the Rio Grande sometime in February perhaps in Salida, but nothing has been confirmed.
- **Outstanding Reports** – Executive Committee Members; Hearing none Mark moved onto our next agenda item.

4. Roundtable Business

- **Bylaws: Upcoming Meetings** – Mark opened the meeting on our proposed Bylaws amendments. One of the changes regarding 5 year appointments which due to our remoteness and membership issues which are unique in the Arkansas Basin while still necessitating the need to stay within the statutes of the Roundtables. Mark further explained that terms would be five years but would automatically renew unless the member resigned from their seat or changes that disqualified them from holding their seat. The other issue is voting privileges which stays as designated by the state statutes. Attendance is an issue that will continue to be counted with any member that due to circumstances does so via virtual access. Sandy suggested that these changes be reviewed at our January Meeting then set for approval with our February or March 2024 Meeting.



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- **2024 Priorities** – Mark stated our priorities will be;
 - Updating our Bylaws
 - Inputting to CWCB guide to Roundtables.
 - Project list for ARWC, which projects are moving forward and which have stalled for any reason.
 - Water Grant funding process assistance via Lauren Duncan
 - Basin Implementation Plan review and update if necessary
- **Other**
 - Sandy brought up the Futile Call Doctrine issues and its effect on the some communities. Mark will ask Rachel Zancanella, Division 2 Engineer to discuss this issue at one of our upcoming meetings.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable –January 10, 2024
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment – As Necessary
 - PEPOW – December 21, 2023
 - Environmental/Recreation Committee – January 29,2024
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - ARWC Board of Directors to reconvene – TBD
 - IBCC – TBD
 - Water Forum - March 5th Local Leaders dinner, Session Dates March 6-7th @ Otero Jr. College, La Junta
- Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting – January 17-18, Fort Collins
- CWCB Board Meeting – January 29-30 – February 2, Aurora (hybrid)
- Colorado Water Congress – January 31 – February 2, Aurora (hybrid)

6. Adjourn; Mark adjourned the meeting