



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday February 14, 2024 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College

900 W. Orman Ave.

Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee/Guests Present

Abba Ahmed

Bob Hamel

Steve Kastner

Al Tucker

Jonathan Paklaian

Ariel Hacker

Mark Shea

Sandy White

Terry Scanga

Jen Lynch

Russ Sands

Greg Felt

Jeff Rodriguez

Amy Ostiek

Jeris Danielson

Gracy Goodwin

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- **Mark called** the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - Amendments & Approval

- **Mark** asked if anyone wanted to add or change the Agenda hearing none Agenda approve.
- **Mark** asked if the Minutes for January 10, 2024 had any changes or amendments noting there had been an updated version sent out with changes to Section 3 2nd bullet item. It was so noted and minutes approved.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark opened the discussions on the following topics
 - Mark opened the discussion on current legislative issues that are of interest to water users and utilities. These have arisen from the recent SCOTUS decisions coming from 21-454 Sackett vs EPA that has impacted water quality control. Colorado is now compelled to pick up the slack to protect water from pollution because this obligation will no-longer be done by the Federal Government. The issue being, which Colorado Department such as our Water Quality Control Commission or the Department of Natural Resources will take up the new permit program process and impacts to already heavy workloads? The House is discussing developing the permitting process procedure in Public Health and Environment while the Senate is looking at placing the permitting process in the Department of Natural Resources. Both departments are currently at capacity with workloads. Mark will keep us updated as these discussions proceed.
- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members**
 - Mark called for any Reports from EC Members none presented

4. Roundtable Business

- **Proposed Bylaw Amendments (continued)**
 - Mark called on Sandy to report on his modifications to our Bylaws since our last meeting. Sandy presented his changes regarding vote modifications and attendance of non-members participation. Mark will look into incorporating these changes and the Conservancy District issues. Jeff said that CWCB is looking into these



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modifications and updating the Guide. Russ added that they have a list of questions before the Attorney General's office regarding these issues and will keep us informed as they are addressed. Jeff commented on the issue of reimbursements for Secretarial duties being picked up by members and as long as it doesn't go over the allocated annual \$6,500 there doesn't appear to be a problem. Attendance in regards to establishing quorum and what constitutes quorum. Is it a simple majority or a set number established by the membership? Al strongly stressed a quorum needs to be a simple majority as stated in Parliamentary procedures. This can require tracking attendance and identifying active vs inactive. Al said he would track attendance and active vs inactive members to count towards a quorum. Jeff pointed out that he believes how our current Bylaws are written covers the establishment of what constitutes a quorum and are consistent with state statutes and therefore be left unaltered regarding this section. Jeff stated that statute 38-33-309 Sect 1 addresses what constitutes a quorum. Mark asked Al to maintain the tracking system and will then specify to the membership that if unable to attend notify Mark or a designated person for tracking. Jeris moved to not modify this section of the Bylaws it was seconded and approved. Al will track attendance and a quorum will consist of a simple majority of active members which will be tracked by the Recorder. Al will forward his current attendance tracking to Mark for record purposes. Mark also stated our Bylaws should show the Needs Assessment Chair is an Executive Committee Member.

- **Other**

- Jeris brought forward the issue of Southeastern Conduit project and what's transpired to date. To date we haven't heard back from Southeastern regarding the conduit issue.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable February 28, 2024
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment – As Necessary
 - PEPOW – February 15, 2024
 - Environmental/Recreation Committee – March 25, 2024
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
 - ARWC Board of Directors to reconvene – TBD
 - IBCC – February 27, 2024
 - Water Forum - March 5th Local Leaders dinner, Session Dates March 6-7th @ Otero Jr. College, La Junta

6. Adjourn; Mark adjourned the meeting @ 12:23pm