



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday June 12, 2024 10:30 am

VIRTUAL ONLY

Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea	Abba Ahmed	Jean VanPelt	Bob Hamel
Ariel Hacker	Robert Sakata	Jeff Rodriguez	Greg Felt
Sarah Mudge	Jeris Danielson	Terry Scanga	Gracy Goodwin
Russ Sands	Jonathan Paklaian	Rick Kienitz	Tim Canterbury

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- **Mark called** the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present. Al Tucker was excused.
- **Mark asked** if anyone wanted to add to the Agenda. Agenda approved as presented.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

- Mark asked for amendments or changes to the 05/08/2024 Minutes, hearing none approved by consensus.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark opened on the following subjects;
 - Mark attended the (WECO) Water Education Colorado Tour of the Upper Arkansas Basin and gave a brief overview. He highlighted the participant's interest in fire mitigation, watershed risks, and the contributions of the (ARWC) Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative. Mark also pointed out the fire near Twin Lakes, and it's possible impact on our water supply reserve. Mark discussed the tours throughout the upper basin and the importance of several of these projects we've supported. There will be a briefing today at 1pm. Sarah Mudge will give an update later in the meeting.
 - Mark mentioned that Jean VanPelt is attending today's meeting and her Administrative support she will be providing.
 - Mark gave a brief update on the state "Dredge and Fill" bill, supplemental to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 404 Permit Program. There will be four stakeholder meetings scheduled to discuss the control regulations regarding the new permit program. The limited scope and definition of the Waters of the United States will be discussed. Members who are interested in the stakeholder meetings can reach out to Mark or the website for more information.

4. Roundtable Business

- Mark welcomed and introduced Jean VanPelt to the Roundtable in the position of Administrative Support and asked her to give a brief background. Jean gave a brief background of her involvement with the Roundtable and various organizations which collaborated closely with our Roundtable for the last several years making her familiar with our needs and issues.
 - Mark discussed Jean's role in the admin support position and her responsibilities and priorities would look like. She will provide support to Recorder position and



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administrative assistance in document archiving, web-based products, and website updates. Jean asked for clarification on the duties regarding the Admin position. Jeff explained they varied with how the different Roundtables are set up. This position will work with other members of the Executive Committee and members who are currently sharing many of these responsibilities. This will be a partnership arrangement going forward. With the limited budget that is provided this partnership and sharing will be an important part of this position. Jean asked what roll she would be involved with in working with the chair on setting up meeting curriculum. Mark said help in this area and working with Jeff would be valuable. Going forward both Ariel and Al will continue doing the meeting minutes, but will work with Jean in this regard. Mark suggested that our minutes would be more in line with the Template Jeff is sending out.

- Jeff Rodriguez will email Mark, Jean, Al, and Ariel the CWCB template for meeting minutes.
- Gracy Goodwin gave an update on a project the Roundtable provided support for last year (The El Paso County Indirect Potable Reuse Project). Mark expressed that if the Roundtable provided support before, we should be able to continue that support as they reapply for the CWCB grant. Another project will present today at the regular session.
- Jonathan Paklaian submitted the PEPO Grant Proposal to the CWCB for the next fiscal year.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – July 19, 2024
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment – August 15, 2024
 - PEPO – June 20, 2024
 - Environmental/Recreation Committee – June 24 at 10:00 am, virtual
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – Fall 2024
 - ARWC Board of Directors to reconvene – August 12, 2024
 - IBCC – June 18, 2024 in Durango
- CWCB – July 17-18, Walden
- Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference, August 20-22, 2024 Colorado Springs
- C9 Summit – October 1-2, 2024 Crested Butte
- Arkansas Basin Forum – Meeting July 2024 / Forum scheduled March 5-6, 2025 in Pueblo

6. Adjourn; Mark 11:46 am