



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday July 10, 2024 10:30 am

900 West Orman Ave

Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee/Guests Present

Mark Shea	Abba Ahmed	Jean VanPelt	Bob Hamel
Al Tucker	Jeff Rodriguez	Greg Felt	Jeffery DeHerrera
Jeris Danielson	Terry Scanga	Gracy Goodwin	
Russ Sands	Jonathan Paklaian	Rick Kienitz	

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establish Quorum

- **Mark called** the meeting to order noting there was a quorum present. Sandy White excused due to injury.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

- Mark asked if any changes to the previous Minutes, hearing none approved by consensus.
- Mark approved today's agenda amending to show correct date.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments** – Mark opened on the following subjects;
 - Mark commented on today's panel discussion regarding the Arkansas River Water Preservation Principles noting we'll need to allow extra time for this panel. Noting Bob Hamel with the panel will discuss the early 2000's when these principles were developed.
 - Mark called on Jeff Rodriguez to discuss the CWCB Guide which is currently in Draft mode. Jeff pointed out that those wishing to comment may do so online or email him directly. The following is the link to the CWCB guide;
<https://engagecwcb.org/cwcb-guide>
 - Mark brought up the Interlaken burn scar from the wildfire located in the Pike San Isabel National Forest Cimarron and Camanche Grasslands on the south side of Twin Lakes Reservoir making a potential risk for debris flowing into the Twin Lakes Reservoir and causing contamination. This reservoir is a valuable water source and we will be monitoring debris contamination from runoff. A set list of parameters will be set and working with the USGS we'll be closely monitoring this and other fires for water quality. ARWC is involved with the mitigation work.
 - Mark discussed the need to set up priority project categories for our grant programs. Ensuring much needed don't fall away from funding due to projects less beneficial to principals of quantity, quality and provision. The subject of impeding surface water via illegal ponds was discussed and appears to be a large problem that should be addressed via state and property owners directly.
 - Mark announced that with the state of the new fiscal year we have Jean VanPelt as our new Admin Assistant. She will be working with the Executive Committee team on



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several projects to include Website care. At current issue is the expiration of our Weebly Website account which will require attention.

- The need for a Roundtable Intern position was mentioned.

4. Roundtable Business

- Mark opened with the IBCC Logistics and follow-up discussion.
 - Mark called on Jeris to discuss the last IBCC meeting, at which time Jeris turned the discussion over to Russ Sands.
 - Russ reported that the latest IBCC action plan. These included what has been listed in the IBCC action guide. One of these is the Drought Resilience Action Plan. What is needed is an Action Plan for drought creating 740,000 AF losses in water gap.
 - The New Low Regrets Action Plan consist of:
 - Drought & Climate
 - Forest/Watershed Health
 - Funding
 - CWSAS/AG Innovation
 - Water Plan Implementation
 - Water Conservation
 - Regional Project Planning
 - Roundtable Coordination
 - Education/Outreach
 - Water Quality & Reuse
 - Questions regarding the IBCC Action Plan discussions focused on more accurate snow measurements (CASM) and the need for increased storage.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – August 14, 2024
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment – August, 2024
 - PEPO – August 15, 2024 – 10:30 – 12:00 Zoom
 - Environmental/Recreation Committee – August 26, 2024 at 10:00 – 12:00 Zoom
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee – Fall 2024
 - ARWC Board of Directors to reconvene – August 12, 2024
 - IBCC – October 1-2, 2024, Crested Butte
- CWCB – July 17-18, Walden
- Colorado Water Congress Summer Conference, August 20-22, 2024 Colorado Springs
- C9 Summit – October 1-2, 2024 Crested Butte
 - Jeff announced there is some limited reimbursement available for active Roundtable



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members to attend the C9 Summit.

- Arkansas Basin Forum – Meeting July 2024 / Forum scheduled March 5-6, 2025 in Pueblo

6. **Adjourn;** Mark called for consensus for adjournment