



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES AND RECORD OF DECEISIONS

Start Time: 12:30pm

October 9, 2024

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building

Members/Guests in Attendance;

Mark Shea	Chris Woodka	Terry Scanga	Rachel Zancanella
Bob Hamel	Jeff Rodriguez	Tom Verquer	Bethany Arnold
Gracy Goodwin	Scott King	Dan Tucker	Dan Steuer
Greg Felt	Jonathan Paklaian	Tony Arnold	Mannie Colon
Jeris Danielson	Matt Heimrich	Steve Snyder ?	
Jean VanPelt	Dan Williams	Jeffery DeHerrera	
Al Tucker	Tim Canterbury	Lauren Ris	
Abba Aahmed	Kent Ricken	Ricki Gardens	

1. Welcome and Introductions – Mark Shea, Chair

- Introductions
- Establishment of a quorum – Jean conferred a quorum was present
- Approval of agenda - approved
- Approval of minutes – September 11, 2024
- Public Comments - None

2. Roundtable Annual Meeting, Executive Committee Elections

- Mark announced the positions up for our annual re-election, and if anyone wanted to add their names to the lists which are; along with the current executive members;
 - Chair – Mark Shea
 - Vice Chair Non Consumptive – Bob Hamel
 - Vice Chair Consumptive – Jeffery DeHerrera
 - IBCC – Terry Scanga
 - Recorder – Al Tucker
 - PEPO Coordinator – Ariel Hacker
 - Mark hearing no other members wishing to announce their intention on running proclaimed these positions remain with current representative members by acclamation.

3. Action on the location where ABRT meeting notices will be posted

- Mark opened the floor to Jean about meeting notices with our locations for the coming year and their posting, and if they're in compliance with Colorado's Open Meeting regulations. Jeff Rodriguez conferred we're in compliance.

4. At-Large Environmental Seat Nomination - Ricki Garden



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- Mark introduced Ricki Garden from the Collegiate Peaks Trout Unlimited for the At-Large Environmental seat recently vacated. Ricki introduced herself as an environmental advocate of water and is looking forward to serving on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable. Al Tucker moved to nominate Ricki Garden to the position of Environmental Representative to the Roundtable. Tom Verquer seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

5. CWCB Director Introduction - Lauren Ris

- Mark Introduced Lauren Ris, Director CWCB, to discuss ARCA, the Arkansas River Compact Administration.
- Lauren introduced the following presenters; lauren.ris@state.co.us
 - Rachel Zancanella, Engineer DWR, rachel.zancanella@state.co.us
 - Bethany Arnold, CWCB,
 - Dan Steuer, Attorney General's Office, daniel.steuer@coag.gov
 - Who then gave the following presentation on the Compact issues regarding the Arkansas River between Colorado and Kansas? The presentation covered the following topics;
 - Overview Arkansas River Compact
 - Compact Administration & Accounting
 - Allocations & Depletions

6. Break - 1:45-2:00

7. Needs Assessment Committee, CWP Grant Presentation

- Gracy Goodwin introduced Alli Schuch with the Fountain Creek Watershed District who has a request for a Water Plan Grant. The grant is focused on sustainable water use programs and educational hands-on projects. The project will empower communities to conserve water through native landscapes and gardens using rainwater downspouts. Approved by consensus for a letter of support from the Roundtable.

8. Reports – 2:20 - 3:10

- Executive Committee update
 - Mark gave a brief summary of the Executive Session discussion on recruitment and reaching out to communities.
- Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative – Jonathan Paklaian is unavailable due to his attendance at the Colorado Watershed Assembly.
- PEPO – Ariel Hacker
- CWCB Report – Jeff Rodriguez, Greg Felt, Lauren Duncan
 - Mark called on Jeff to report on the recent C9 Summit and water grant deadlines coming up. Greg Felt reported on the upcoming CWCB grants being reviewed.
- IBCC Report – Jeris Danielson and Terry Scanga
- Needs Assessment Committee Report - Gracy Goodwin
- Enviro/Rec – Bob Hamel and Rena Griggs
- Ag/Muni Committee – Matt Heimerich and Dan Tucker

6. Upcoming Meetings



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- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – November 13, 2024
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Needs Assessment - February 2025, Zoom
 - PEPO - October 17, 2024, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Zoom
 - Environmental/Rec Committee - October 28, 2024, 10:00-12:00, Zoom
 - Agriculture/Municipal Committee - TBD, Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association, 205 S. Main, Fowler or Zoom
 - ARWC - November 4, 2024, 10:00am -1:00pm, Zoom
 - CWCBB Board Meeting –November 20-21 – Denver Metro
 - IBCC – TBD, 2025
 - Water Congress Annual Conference, January 29-31, 2025, Aurora
 - Arkansas River Basin Water Forum, March 5-6, 2025, Pueblo

7. Adjourn