



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Recorded Decisions Wednesday December 11, 2024

Start Time: 10:30 am

Pueblo Community College, Student Center Building
900 W. Orman Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004

Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Al Tucker (Excused)
Mark Shea
Abba Aahmed
Jonathan Paklaian

Terry Scanga
Ariel Hacker
Bob Hamel
Jeff Rodriguez

Greg Felt
Sarah Mudge
Gracy Goodwin
Jean VanPelt

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establishment of a Quorum – Mark called the meeting to order at 10:45.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings (October & November) – Amendments & Approval – Mark called for approval or amending the Executive Committee Minutes of October 9, 2024 & November 13, 2024. Hearing none, minutes approved.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments – Mark Shea** commented on the previous discussions regarding the 2025 budget and proposals coming from the Department of Natural Resources that will potentially have an impact on CWCB and other DNR funding programs. Mark referred questions to Jeff Rodriguez, CWCB, regarding interest caps and its effects on funding projects going forward. Jeff responded that these caps don't appear to affect currently funded projects. Future allocations are expected to continue at current levels. An issue will be prioritizing future projects due to higher future costs according to Greg Felt.
- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members** - Mark brought up the continuing issues arising from the Shoshone proposal that is appearing in the media focusing on some concerns with the Federal funding. There seems to be a need for more work studying the consumptive uses from previous years. To date there are several unanswered concerns where this proposal is heading.

4. Roundtable Business

- **ARWC Board membership** – The discussion regarding ARWC Board membership including Roundtable Executive Committee members which by default needs to include at least two. The issue is several serve on several committees and sometimes becomes overwhelming. Terry Scanga suggested amending the Bylaws giving Jonathan authority to complete managerial tasks more efficiently. Mark suggested streamlining the ARWC Board with less emphasis on requiring the service on so many committees.
- **2025 ABRT Presentation Topic Ideas** – These topics will be updated when information becomes available.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- **Arkansas Basin Roundtable – January 8, 2025**



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- o Executive Committee – 10:30am
- o Roundtable – 12:30pm
- Committees
 - o Needs Assessment – February 2025, Zoom
 - o PEPO – December 19, 2024, 10:30, Zoom
 - o Environmental/Rec Committee – January 27, 2025, 10:00, Zoom
 - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
- IBCC – February 26, 2025, Denver metro area
- ARWC – February 3, 2025, Zoom
- Water Congress Annual Convention, January 29-31, 2025, Aurora
- CWCB Board Meeting – January 27-28, 2025, Aurora
- Arkansas River Basin Water Forum – March 5-6, 2025, Pueblo

6. Adjourn

Executive Committee membership: Mark Shea (Chair), Bob Hamel (Vice Chair-Non-Consumptive), Jeffery DeHerrera (Vice Chair-Consumptive), Al Tucker (Recorder), vacant (Past-Chair), Greg Felt (CWCB), Jeris Danielson (IBCC), Terry Scanga (IBCC), Tim Canterbury (IBCC Alternate), Gracy Goodwin (Needs Assessment), Ariel Hacker (PEPO)

Additional distribution: Jeff Rodriguez (CWCB Staff), Jonathan Paklaian (ARWC Director), Jean Van Pelt (RT Admin)