



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Recorded Decisions Wednesday January 08, 2025

Start Time: 10:30 am

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

Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Al Tucker	Bob Hamel	Jean VanPelt
Mark Shea	Jeff Rodriguez	Jeris Danielson
Abba Aahmed	Greg Felt	Ahmed Hashem
Andrew Lee	Sarah Mudge	Bobby Tech
Jonathan Paklaian	Jeffery deHerrera	
Terry Scanga	Gracy Goodwin	

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establishment of a Quorum – Mark called the meeting to order @ 10:30am noting a quorum present.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings – Amendments & Approval – Mark asked for any changes or corrections to the Executive Session minutes, none noted, minutes approved.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair Comments - Mark Shea** mentioned the all chairs panel discussion at the upcoming Annual Convention for the Colorado Water Congress scheduled for January 29-31st. Giving us an opportunity to present the Roundtable's functionalities and values to a larger audience. Also it's an opportunity to discuss where the Roundtables are heading.
 - Mark opened to member's input to where our Roundtable is heading and where we'll be in the next five years.
 - Jeff Rodriguez added this is an opportunity to see relevance of the Roundtables, and the good work they provide.
 - Terry Scanga suggested clarifying the support given by the Roundtables as a much needed access to Nexis for those requiring technical water information.
 - Discussion of PEPO's assist with the educational process of what the Roundtable is and the value of having representatives on the Roundtables.
 - Mark emphasized the funding opportunities offered through the Roundtables as an incentive for communities to participate if they have any interest in a water supply project.
 - Bobby Tech Teller County Municipal City Administrator with the city of Victor added that he's excited about joining our Roundtable because of the financial opportunities he sees for rural communities. Bobby emphasized that funding access for rural communities are a very important incentive.



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- Greg Felt added that an important issue is what it was like prior to having the Roundtables and what it was like prior to their creation. Important is access to individuals and organizations that most likely not existed without the Roundtables.
 - Terry Scanga opened the dialogue regarding zoom meetings and issues both good and bad they've created.
 - Regarding this Jean VanPelt suggested alternating locations, Jeff Rodriguez added that PCC is not available for some of our upcoming meeting dates. Mark opened to suggestions of meeting in other locations in April, May and August. Another suggestion was to have mini conference type meetings. Terry suggested at the special meetings eliminate the Executive Sessions.
 - Mark mentioned the state's Dredge and Fill permit program that is currently going through the regulatory development process. The initial draft has been released. Small projects that will have minimal impact on water are being released. Larger projects will require more in-depth permitting. If anyone wishes to look into this it's control regulation 87 listed on the Water Quality Division's website.
- **Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members – None**

4. Roundtable Business

- **ARWC Board membership** – Didn't get to this discussion.
- **2025 ABRT Presentation Topic Ideas –**

5. Upcoming Meetings

- **Arkansas Basin Roundtable – February 12, 2025**
 - Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - Roundtable – 12:30pm
- **Committees**
 - Needs Assessment – February 28, 2025, Zoom
 - PEPO – January 9, 2025, 4:00 – 5:00pm, Zoom
 - Environmental/Rec Committee – January 27, 2025, 10:00, Zoom
 - 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 – Mark called for adjournment @ 12:00pm



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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)