



Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Recorded Decisions

Wednesday March 12, 2025

Start Time: 10:30 am

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

Executive Committee/ Guests Present

Mark Shea - excused

Greg Felt

Lonnie Brown

Abba Aahmed

Gracy Goodwin

Jonathan Paklaian

Terry Scanga

Jean VanPelt

Alessandra Desiderio

Bob Hamel

Jeris Danielson

Jeff Rodriguez

Al Tucker

1. Greetings, Introductions, Establishment of a Quorum – Bob Hamel stated a quorum was present. Al Tucker introduced Lonnie Brown as our newest selected Huerfano County Representative once approved through Resolution by our County Commissioners in an upcoming meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings – Amendments & Approval – Minutes of February 12, 2025 approved.

3. Reoccurring Matters

- **Chair pro tem Comments – Bob Hamel** – Bob mentioned the Water Forum that had been held in Pueblo recently and the events that occurred. Bob asked if others wished to discuss their participation. Abba Aahmed thanked Jean VanPelt and Bob Hamel for putting together this event. Greg Felt also remarked on the Forum's program as being an outstanding event this year with the tours and presentations. The speakers did an outstanding job at the event per everyone involved.

Jean announced she is retiring from the Forum and is looking for a replacement.

Outstanding Reports – Executive Committee Members – Jeris discussed the IBCC meeting held recently and will discuss this at our regular session scheduled for later today.

Gracy Goodwin discussed the recent Needs Assessment Committee meeting and the applicants requesting grants. One of the applicants Stacy Sober will do a presentation during our regular session today. Jonathan Paklaian had a presentation, but will hold off now. The issue Gracy iterated was available funding for upcoming projects. Jeff Rodriguez stated there was \$628K still available. According to Gracy the water quality issue does not qualify under CWCB guidelines, but is important and of concern so some of our Basin only funds might be able to go there. Terry suggested that water quality may go under the CDPHE because these funds are for protecting watershed and water quality. Lonnie Brown pointed out that following the Spring Creek Fire funds were directed at private lands for mitigation, but the US Forest lands higher up had none. Of



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concern is funding projects without specific tasks, but possible results from a perceived event, such as, possible future fires. Funding these projects was discussed as to which is the best time to apply and what calendar year would it be available.

4. Roundtable Business

- **ARWC Board membership** – No discussion at this time.

5. Upcoming Meetings

- **Arkansas Basin Roundtable – April 9, 2025**
 - o Executive Committee – 10:30am
 - o Roundtable – 12:30pm
- **Committees**
 - o Needs Assessment – March 2025, Zoom
 - o PEPO – April 17, 2025, 10:30am, Zoom
 - o Environmental/Rec Committee – March 21, 2025 Zoom
 - o Agriculture/Municipal Committee – TBD
- **IBCC – TBD**
- **ARWC – May 12, 2025, Zoom**
- **Water Congress Annual Convention, August 19-21, 2025, Steamboat Springs**
- **CWCB Board Meeting – March 19-20, South Platte Basin**
- **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)