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ARKANSAS BASIN ROUNDTABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Summary Minutes and Record of Decisions

October 8, 2025

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Executive Committee was conducted virtually and in person.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Shea.
 - a. EC members present: Chair Mark Shea, Vice Chair Jeffery DeHerrera, Vice Chair Bob Hamel, Needs Assessment Chair Gracy Goodwin, CWCB Director Greg Felt, IBCC Representatives Jeris Danielson, and Terry Scanga. Others present: Abba Ahmed Out of basin rep, Dave Allgood At large water rights holder, Jeff Rodriguez CWCB, Jonathan Pakalian Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative, Thomas Ferguson Steady Flow Irrigation, Chris Woodka Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, and Jean Van Pelt Recorder Admin.
 - b. Seven voting members were present at the call to order, a quorum was present (at least five required).
2. The September 10, 2025 Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved by consensus.
3. Recurring Matters
 - a. Chair Comments – Chair Mark Shea stated that elections for Roundtable Executive Committee officers, Committee Chairs, and IBCC seats will be held today. Currently the open positions are the Roundtable Chair and PEPO committee chair. Nominations from the floor will be encouraged. Chairman Shea stated that an opening for At-large water rights owner is also open with Arkansas Groundwater and Reservoir Association's Dan Tucker's stepping down. Mark will check with AGRA on their interest and nominations from the floor will also be open. This matter will be dealt with at a future meeting.
 - b. Outstanding Reports - Chairman Shea asked Jean to send the agenda and minutes templates to the committee chairs and asked the chairs to



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use them in order to stay in compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law. Recordings of Committee meetings will also be posted on the website.

- c. Needs Assessment Committee – Committee Chair Gracy Goodwin stated that the Roundtable approved 4 out of 5 applications at last month's meeting. The total was \$265,731. The applications still need to go to CWCB for approval. If they do go through, that would bring our WSRF balance to \$484,269. Gracy stated that the Roundtable has a pending dust on snow application potentially for Roundtable approval at the November meeting.
4. Roundtable Business
 - a. Chairman Shea asked Jeff Rodriguez to make an inquiry to see if CWCB's new Water Supply Measurement and Forecasting Program would do a presentation for the Roundtable in the future. Jeff explained the program's purpose is to administer a water supply measurement and forecasting program to collect and disseminate data on snowpack levels, investigate technological advances in snowpack measurement and water supply forecasting, and collect other data that the board determines will assist in those efforts.
 - b. Chairman Shea notified the Committee that the Dredge and Fill Permit Program has progressed from the stakeholder process into the formal rulemaking process. A final draft of the new control regulation describes the state permit program and how it applies to water features and activities. It also describes compensatory mitigation requirements for projects that impact state waters. The program covers basically everything, unless explicitly excluded under the regulation. The Water Quality Control Commission will make its decisions and there will be a new state permit program in the beginning of 2026. Chairman Shea suggested having representatives from the Water Quality Control Commission present to the Roundtable on what the new permit program is about and how it works.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.