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Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, September 08, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

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Executive Committee Present: Mark Shea – Chair; Mike Fink – Secretary; Paul Fanning, Al Tucker, Sandy White- Past Chair; Bob Hamel – Vice Chair (Recreational and Environmental Committee); Carol Ekarius-ARWC, Amber Shanklin, Lindsay Griffith, Alli Schuch, Chris Wisemen, Kate Weismiller, Matt Heimerich- Vice Chair; Tim Canterbury, Greg Felt

Call to Order:

Chairman Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. Greetings and introductions were performed.

Minutes:

Consensus approval for August 11, 2021 meeting minutes.

ARWC Board Meeting:

- Executive Director Update- Carol shared that Jonathan Palakian has accepted the Executive Director position for ARWC and will start on September 27, 2021. Carol would also like to thank the Executive Committee for their participation during the process.
- Carol spoke about the proposal that she is putting together for Lake County NRD (National Resource Damages) projects (California Gulch CERCLA Settlement); it has impacted into Chaffee County, but 98% of the funding is focused on Lake County.
- Bob would like to know how long Carol will work with Jonathan during the training period.
- Carol stated that, during the first couple of months, she anticipates that she will be closely involved with Jonathan; she anticipates the frequency will decrease over time when she feels that he's developed a level of familiarity.
- The Executive Committee suggested letting the Roundtable know that Jonathan has accepted the Executive Director position for ARWC.
- Mark suggested that Jonathan be invited to other parts of the Basin so he can start to consult with other Committee members.

Reoccurring Matters:

- Chair Comments- Mark mentioned, that the elections are taking place on October 13th at the annual meeting.
- The Executive Committee will be accepting nominees for any of the vacant seats which are:
 - Chair (at this time Mark Shea)
 - Vice Chairs (at this time Bob Hamel and Matt Heimerich)
 - Recorder (at this time Mike Fink)
 - IBCC Seat (at this time Jeris Danielson)



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- Al suggested, if the candidates are known by today's meeting, would it be possible to share that with the Roundtable and have them vote before October 13th in case it's another virtual meeting.
- Paul agrees, noting we need to get some thought about how this is going to work; the only caveat is people still may be thinking about the election and we would be catching them off guard if we approach them with the candidates today.
- Greg suggested pushing the elections off another month- starting the nominations now closing it October 13th, and conducting the actual elections in November. This allows time for the Roundtable to decide.
- Bob mentioned no matter how we vote, virtual or in person, it needs to institute a roll-call vote; that way everyone has a chance to have the same opportunity.
- Carol suggested putting together a "polling" platform where people would be able to vote but still stay anonymous.
- Sandy stated under the bylaws you have to be present at the annual meeting in order to vote; and for those who are present the successful candidate requires 2/3 of the vote.
- Mark is willing to stand for the Chair seat for an additional year; knowing there is a lot of stuff going on right now Mark would like to be responsible and see those items through.
- Mark stated that Matt Heimerich indicated he is not interested in standing for the Vice Chair for Consumptive Use Committee in 2022.
- Bob Hamel is willing to continue to be the Vice Chair of the Recreational and Environmental Committee in 2022.
- Mike Fink really enjoyed being on the Executive Committee, but would like to kindly decline the Recorder position for 2022.
- Mark will need to touch base with Jeris regarding the IBCC seat and his intentions for 2022.
- The following seats are open: Vice Chair, Consumptive Use Vice-Chair and Recorder.
- Al is interested in the Recorder seat, again He feels it is a very important position, and if we don't have a recorder, it puts too much responsibility on Elise.
- Terry suggested composing a brief description of what the Consumptive Use job would entail.
- The Consumptive Use candidate would be responsible for adding up the monthly program presentations, keeping an eye on developments happening in the State of Colorado, and getting good programs that enhance the value of the monthly meetings. The position will also be responsible for putting together the agenda for the Executive Committee and Roundtable meetings and any additional support to the Consumptive members.
- Mark mentioned that a new member of the Roundtable, Jack Goble has been appointed by the Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District to take their seat on the Roundtable. Jack will formally join the Roundtable today in that capacity.
- Other Outstanding Reports- No other outstanding reports.



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ABRT BIP Update/ Local Expert:

- BIP Drafts review, Project database updates- BIP Update GC- Lindsay would like to thank the Executive Committee for making comments on the Volume 1 document. There is also some review that's been done by the Division of Water Resources on the Volume 2 document; there are no comments currently, but the Division and Agricultural are looking at all the Basin.
- Sandy stated that the next version of the BIP update will be going out for public comments and feels it might be worth mentioning something to the Roundtable.
- Lindsay will recap with the Roundtable that CWCB will be hosting an online database for all the Basin projects.

Roundtable Business:

- Demand Management Discussion: Terry stated, it would be good for the Basin to make some comments, regarding Demand Management. Two very big things are:
 - The lack of better administration of water rights in the Colorado Basin.
 - Understanding what a compact call could/would look like and how Colorado, within its own proportion system would manage that; and
 - What would a compact call on a Colorado Basin need for a Trans Basin Diversion.
- Sandy echoed Terry's thoughts and will put together a draft document that summarizes thoughts on Demand Management.
- Greg brings up another bullet point that should be looked at, "mitigation of secondary impacts" which could open up another can of worms if the Committee is not careful.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – October 13, 2021
 - Executive Committee- 10:30am
 - Roundtable- 12:30pm
- Committees
 - Enviro/Rec Comm.- September 27, 2021: 10:00am
 - PEPOW- September 15, 2021 1:30am
- Statewide PEPO- October 20, 2021
- CWCB Board Meeting- September 15 & 16, 2021
 - Including Demand Management Workshop

Adjourn:

Mark Shea adjourned the Executive Committee Meeting at 12:15 PM.