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Executive Committee Meeting Notes

July 8th 2020 – GoToMeeting

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Executive Committee Present: Mark Shea – Chair; Mike Weber - Vice Chair; Mike Fink – Secretary; Abby Ortega – Needs Assessment Committee; Al Tucker, Jeris Danielson, Amber Weber – PEPO; Amber Shanklin – Secretary of ARWC; Chelsey Nutter – ARWC; Paul Fanning, Sandy White – Past Chair; Greg Felt - CWCB Representative; Bob Hamel – Vice Chair; Brett Gracely and Wil Koger - Consultant; Terry Scanga - IBCC, Russell Sands & Sam Stein – CWCB; Sarah Mudge.

Call to order:

Chairman Mark Shea called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. Greetings and introductions were performed.

Minutes:

No consensus approval for the June 10th, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

ARWC Board Meeting:

- **Project update:** Chelsey Nutter has submitted her resignation as Director of ARWC, effective on September 1st 2020. Mark asked Chelsey to help the Roundtable with the transition and to have an exit interview with the Executive Committee (Board of Directors for ARWC) on Wednesday July 29th 2020 at 2:00 PM.
- Chelsey briefed the Executive Committee on the Budget, in the revenue section you will see all the grants that have been approved but not yet contracted by the board. The two big projects being the Spring Fire Project and the Fire and Flood Project.
- Majority of projects have been pushed into 2021 because they are still not contracted.
- Chelsey mentions ARWC has sufficient funding to move forward with the Monarch project.
- The Salida office expense will no longer be in the Budget; staff have demonstrated that working from home is viable.
- Chelsey requested for ARWC staff to have an increase in wages; the work that ARWC does is not just grant administration ARWC addresses projects from start to finish this includes scope work, stakeholder engagement, writing of the grants, managing the grants, and then implementing the projects (boots on the ground).

Reoccurring Matters:

- **Chair Comments (Mark Shea):** Pueblo Convention Center will be unavailable for the remainder of the year, so, based on that and the COVID 19 instructions from the CWCB, the Arkansas Basin Roundtable will schedule the work of the Roundtable, including all Committees and Sub Committees, to meet via electronic means for the balance of 2020. This is at the direction of CWCB and recognizes the positive adaptation to the electronic meeting format that we have held for the past few months.
- **ABRT BIP Update/Local Expert:** Brett Gracely reported that the team has been working on two main tasks, one of is coordinating with the General Contractor (Brown & Caldwell) and the other



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is updating the Project Listing. Brett presented the work plan; defining the process and the elements of the work for the Roundtable through the Fourth Quarter. Questions about the inclusion of small, rural communities, ditch companies and counties into the Projects Listing were discussed and Brett outlined the outreach efforts. Brett demonstrated the BIP Update fill-in-the-blanks is on the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Web Site, which allows uploading input into one of the 6 folders.

- **COVID-19 Financial Implications for the RT:** There was an all-chairs update transmitted to the Roundtable by Russ Sands. We will meet virtually for the remainder of the calendar year.
- **Other outstanding reports:** No other outstanding reports.

New Business:

- None

Work Session:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Needs Assessment Meeting:

- Applications Received by June 27th and reviewed on June 30th.

Roundtable Business:

- None

Upcoming Meetings:

- Arkansas Basin Roundtable – August 12, 2020
- Subcommittees
- Enviro/Rec Comm- July 27, 2020
- CWCB Board Meeting – July 15 & 16 Virtual Meeting with information to follow.

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