



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Public Education, Participation & Outreach, Arkansas Basin Roundtable

Workgroup Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026, 4:00 PM

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89265066852?pwd=V3R4SHNPRWNCdnpJd2xTYkswS3MxZz09>

**Attendees:**

- Chris Woodka
- Jean Van Pelt
- Cecilia Timberg
- Dave Allgood
- Mary Wilson
- Jeris Danielson
- Katherine Clough
- Joe Stone
- Kristi Bartolo

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The Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Woodka.

The minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting were distributed and no changes were made

**New Business**

- 1) Introductions** were made because some guests had not attended PEPO meetings in the past. Chris Woodka explained that he had invited several people who expressed interest in the idea of an Arkansas River Water Information Network, or who he thought might have an interest. Some have contacted Chris offline with an interest in participating.
- 2) Arkansas River Water Information Network:** Chris gave his ideas on establishing the Arkansas River Water Information Network (ARWIN) as a way to get accurate water news to folks in the Arkansas River basin, as well as across the state. The idea would be to collect information from sources that may already have their own information distribution systems to the wider audience. This will be tied into the redesign of the web site.

Dave Allgood asked how many people now visit the web site, and Jean Van Pelt said the number is very low, usually just Roundtable members checking for information near the monthly meeting day.

Chris said the idea of ARWIN is to connect with other organizations to distribute water news as well.

There was a good discussion about activities such as the People and Pollinators Action Network, Garden in a Box promotions, Fountain Creek's Creek Week activities, and Colorado River issues (such as a special presentation at a Special Board meeting for the Southeastern District. It was also suggested that Roundtable News (new officers, etc.) could be shared. Categories of news could be separated for children, irrigators, outdoor enthusiasts, etc.

More ideas will be developed and shared.

- 3) Cecilia Timberg reported that the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative received a notice to proceed for the FY 2026 Basin Coordinator Grant.

### **Old Business**

- 1) The 2026 Fiscal Year (FY) Grant proposal was updated in November 2025. There are four main items in the scope of work:
  - a) Update and maintain ABRT website – Cecelia and Jean will put a proposal together. Chris agreed to work on this. Jean said the web site may shift platforms
  - b) Develop print materials – Chris will work on these.
  - c) Representation at public events – A reminder that the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum is in Salida April 22-23.
  - d) Cooperation with other Roundtables. The roundtable will reach out to the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable for a tour in the late summer of 2026 (September timeline). Cecelia has contacted Casandra Mcuen to begin setting this up.

### **Next Meetings:**

Arkansas Basin RoundTable, April 8, 2026 (CSU-Pueblo)  
PEPO Working Group, April 16, 2026

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.