



# Arkansas Basin Roundtable

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Public Education, Participation & Outreach, Arkansas Basin Roundtable

Workgroup Meeting Minutes

April 16, 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
- Mark Shea
- Jacob Stewart
- Bob Hamel
- Kristi Bartolo
- Jonathon Paklaian

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

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

## New Business

- 1) Meeting Invite Confusion:** Chris, in his unfamiliarity with running this thing, noted he will fix the meeting agenda next month so that the web address is consistent with the one used on the calendar invite. In his defense, the final four characters “Zz09” were the same in both Zoom meeting links, but all of those other 42 characters leading up to that are different. Sorry.
- 2) Congratulations:** We all congratulated Jean for her appointment to the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District Board of Directors as a Pueblo County Director. Jean formerly worked at the District and will be a great addition for that organization.
- 3) Arkansas River Water Information Network:** More ideas were tossed around about creating the ARWIN. Cecelia mentioned that she and Jonathan recently visited younger school children in the classroom and that sparked the idea that the Roundtable could use ARKWIN as a speaker’s bureau to allow water users to quickly reference resources that are available for outreach.
- 4) Website:** Jean reported that she and Cecilia are working on the web site upgrade, but these is still a question of which platform will be used. Chris will contact Sam Ebersole to review photos and determine if more may be needed. Southeastern also is working on website upgrades and will weave this process in with the Roundtable effort.

- 5) **Rio Grande Roundtable Tour:** Discussions with the Rio Grande Basin Roundtable continue. The tour will be in September or October.
- 6) **2027 Basin Coordinator Grant:** Cecilia reported that the Arkansas River Watershed Collaborative is working on the proposal for the FY 2027 Basin Coordinator Grant, which is due June 1. We will compile a list of things to consider in May.
- 7) **Branded clothing discussion:** Chris brought up the idea that bandanas may not be the best publicity idea for the Roundtable, so caps and T-shirts were also discussed. Since these items are not technically in the current budget it was suggested that we table the idea for now.

## **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 Mquen to begin setting this up.

## **Next Meetings:**

Arkansas Basin RoundTable, May 13, 2026 (CSU-Pueblo)  
PEPO Working Group, May 21, 2026

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