

**Rio Blanco County Historical Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 31, 2020**  
**5:45 to 6:35pm**

Teresia Reed: President  
Kay Bivens  
Joanne Gardner  
Niki Turner  
Margaret Granzella  
Deirdre Macnab

1. Called to order at 5:49pm by President Reed
  - Agenda: Two corrections, date should be March 31<sup>st</sup> and the last line on agenda says March 24<sup>th</sup> and it should be April 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Need to establish a committee to coordinate the quarterly membership meetings. Macnab moved to establish quarterly membership meetings. Kay Bivens seconded. All approved.
  - Meeker “Massacre” Signage Needed: Macnab made a motion to form a committee, Kay Bivens Second, all approved.
2. Public Participation: None
3. Minutes of last meeting: Kay Bivens made a motion to accept the minutes, Second by Deirdre, All approved.
4. Financial Reports: No financials sent out. \$21,000 was received and deposited by County as funding, which provides \$42,000 annually to staff the museum and pay utilities.
5. Committee Reports:  
Museum is closed due to coronavirus, no report on Accessions, Gift Shop, no report due to closure
6. Rural Schools: Janet reported that the belfry is in the process of completion for Coal Creek School.
7. Milk Creek Battlefield: No report
8. Old West Heritage: No report
9. Landmarking: \$2,000 check from Fairfield is missing... Will be re-issued.
10. Historic Trails: No progress due to Coronavirus
11. Information Technology: Terry reported the new technology in the museum is working for security. New website continues to improve. Chris Babcock, Niki and Terry can all make changes. Niki posted some historical documents from the White River National Forest, and will post some information on how Meeker handled the 1918 Spanish Influenza virus.
12. Bank Robbers Trail: Kay Bivens reported: Agency sign needs to be re-done. Spoke to the Chamber and they recommended a presentation to the County Commissioners. Chamber will assist. Cemetery will pay for any signage that is on

- their area regarding the Bank Robbers Trail. Dan from Identity Graphics said new signage would be easy to take in and out. Found books on John Wesley Powell.
13. Nominations and elections: No report
  14. Constitution/By-Laws/Procedures: No report
  15. Liaison Groups:
  16. Meeker Mustang Makeover: Report from Deirdre: Thanks the Historical Society for being umbrella for the second year...event proceeding, difficult time to get trainers due to Coronavirus uncertainty...money in hand for prizes and scholarships. This year there will be 10 horses and five yearlings for 10 to 18 year olds.
  17. White River Alliance: Report from Deirdre :Thanks for space for meeting at museum..three areas of primary focus: 1. Improving public fishing near Lake Avery on White River, 2) Tamarisk/Russian Olive Removal, 3) Encouraging county and towns to move to healthier mosquito removal methods ....Maggie suggested contacting town of Paonia which has moved to a more holistic and healthy mosquito removal. County Commissioners are from Delta, North Fork of the Gunnison...has been helpful with organic farms who need to keep their organic certification.
  18. Meeker Moving Forward: Terry reported on the meetings, which are very positive. Recommendations should come out soon.
  19. Mainstreet Project 45 working on banners that reflect town history, Terry reported.
  20. Old Business: None
  21. New Business: None
  22. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: Maggie and Niki seconded.
  23. Next meeting is April 28, 2020

Minutes by Deirdre Macnab, Secretary