

Rio Blanco County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2020
5:45 to 6:35pm

Terri Reed: President
Joanne Goss-Gardner
Margaret Granvilla
Nancy Richardson
Niki Turner
Bob Amick
Kay Bivens
Jay Sullivan
Janet Clark
Deirdre Macnab

1. Called to order at 5:46 pm by President Reed
 - Agenda: Two additions to the agenda. Resignation letter received from Chris Babcock. And Addition of Memorandum of Understanding for the Meeker Mustang Makeover. Niki made motion to approve, Margaret seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jay amended the motion to add a report from the Executive Director Selection Committee.
2. Public Participation: None
3. Minutes of last meeting: Jay Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes, Second by Niki, motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Reports: Financial reports were a bit of a mess today due to a crash at the bank. Due to slowdown, only \$1,200 in payroll last night. We received \$620 back from Pinnacle Insurance who decided we deserved a rebate. Two contribution checks were finally received for a total of \$600 from Giving Tuesday.
5. Museum Report: Have been open Friday and Saturday. The Museum is following the County Covid Policy because we are county property. Minor repairs and labeling have been done along with painting of entryway by our two excellent part time volunteers.
6. Search for Executive Director: Niki Turner reported that the committee has had a couple of meetings, sent out a job description and gotten two resumes for an overarching executive director position of museum, garrison, RBHS, and the Heritage Cultural Center. This director position will also direct the Coal Creek School and the Milk Creek Battle Field Park.
7. Rural Schools: Janet reported that the Coal Creek School is open for visitors. Two contractors are finalizing the belfry. Some grading is being done, painting and also work on the privy. Big thanks to Kay for the QR codes. Donation box waiting to be installed.

8. Milk Creek Battlefield: We have a new brochure! Grass will be cut for the July 4th event.
9. Old West Heritage: Internet fixed, router crashed.
10. Landmarking: This committee is in charge of guiding the county through the new signage for the designated properties. We have 31 designated by the state and the federal government (Dept of Interior) with the Historic Preservation Board. This committee will help identify more in the future. No report, and Chris Babcock resigned. **Looking for a new volunteer for a committee chair.** The list is on the website under Landmarking. The committee will help get properties identified and work on getting bronze signage. This committee should cover Meeker, Rangely and the County as a whole.
11. Historic Trails: Margaret is following with a focus on the Wiki ups. She is trying to get a copy of Richard Ott's book, "On the Wikiup Trail."
12. Information Technology: The website is working.
13. Bank Robbers Trail: Kay Bivens reported that she spent time with Janet so they can add pictures and info to the sign. She will meet with Dan from Identity Graphics, and reviewed pictures with Jay Sullivan, who is writing a word document on the history. She has talked to the Library and found out they will open June 1st. She checked in with Bailey Franklin regarding Circle Park and the First Fishing Derby. Spoke also with Tawny at the Meeker Hotel to get the pictures from there. She has spent time at the museum with Teri to figure out where they will position the exhibit. She also met with Makela from the County Economic Development and to get permission to put brochures by the courthouse lawn.
14. Constitution/By-Laws/Procedures: No report
15. Liaison Groups:
 - Meeker Mustang Makeover: MOU between BLM and Rio Blanco Historical Society has been signed. It was read by Terri. She will distribute to board members. Deirdre reported that all trainers have been signed up and horses will be picked up this Saturday. Niki motioned approval of MOU. Margaret seconded, all approved.
 - White River Alliance: Report from Deirdre: Meetings are virtual for now. Members are having 1. Tamarisk/Russian Olive Removal, 2. Encouraging county and towns to move to healthier mosquito removal methods
 - Meeker Moving Forward: President Terri reported, it is making progress. Historical Society continues to be involved.
16. Mainstreet Project 45 working on banners that reflect town history, Terri reported. The high school art group is pivotal in this program. You will see them soon in the next few weeks.
17. Old Business: President needs to appoint a Meeker Massacre (To be Decided) Signage Committee. Name is still in process and no committee has been appointed. Range Call for Fourth of July is still planned. There will be a parade. Still discussing how to handle concessions.

18. New Business: Kay Bivens wondered what people thought about incorporating signage for military buildings. These old museum buildings were thought to be former officer quarters, and only part of a much larger military encampment which spanned several blocks and included a field for marching. Maggie will look into this including geo caching. Kay nominated Maggie to chair, seconded by Jay. Approved! Terri offered to serve on this committee. Nancy offered to help.
19. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: Jay made Motion to adjourn and Margaret second, meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.
20. Next meeting is June 30th, 2020 at 5:45pm. Virtual unless noticed otherwise.

Minutes by Deirdre Macnab, Board Secretary