

Rio Blanco County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020
5:46pm

Niki Turner: Acting President, now president
Teresia Reed: Executive Director
Kay Bivens, Board
Jay Sullivan
Janet Clark (Public)
Luke Trout
Margaret Granzella
Joann Gardner
Chance Walker
Nancy Richardson
Deirdre Macnab, Secretary
Kevyn Mack, Staff

Not Present:
Mona Avey

1. Called to order at 5:46pm pm by President Turner
2. President called for agenda additions. There were none. Quorum was reached.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Minutes approved Motion by Kay/Luke.
5. Because of a lack of quorum at earlier meetings, Niki suggested that with the evening's quorum, it would be helpful to make some formal decisions that had been delayed. Motion made to approve Teresia Reed as the new Executive Director and Niki Turner as the new president. Deirdre/Margaret Granzella, unanimous approval.
6. **Museum Report by Exec Director:**
Website: Was updated two years ago. Started to give problems. Terry will focus on this in the month to come and try to also find a college or high school intern to assist. Decision made to migrate to Greenhouse, for 1/10 the cost. Grant opportunities: Terry just took a two day course on grants. Attendance is down due to COVID. Ideas for getting students involved was discussed due to the end of class trips again due to COVID. One week away from doing 990's. (taxes reports-profit for gift shop may be over \$1,000) Mona Avey would like to resign. A letter will be sent to Trudy thanking her for her service and inviting her to come back if her time permits fuller attendance in the future. Chance Walker and Sparky Pappas have both accepted the invitation to the board. No responses were received from the ad in the newspaper. SER federal program pays seniors to come to museum, postponed due to COVID. Most CNCC classes cancelled due to

COVID. White Board ordered. Camera and equipment returned by Bob Amick. Coroner might be storing cadavers in an area by the community room. Museum will be open on Halloween till 7pm. Finances attached. Local food initiative received a number of concerns by board members saying Terry too busy, and lets see if some other interested parties in the same thing move forward with it. Re-evaluate in Spring.

7. Committee Reports:

- Accessions: Kay Bivens received a bunch of things from LeFevre and several logs from the Ott family that are from a building in Axial Basin. Walt Proctor brought in a full write up on the logs and Axial Basis. Kay donated puppets from the 1930's to 60's.
- Rural Schools: Flag Pole erected, donated by Brown Family. Working on lights, spire ordered.
- Milk Creek: no news per Jay.
- Historic trails and antiquities: No news according to Margaret. She is interested in working further on geo caching. She'd like to make sure there's one in the museum. Motion approved to start a geocaching committee: Kay/Deirdre Motion Unanimous approval
- Bank Robber Trail: Research finished. Kay handing it over to Museum. Got approval from bank for pictures. Meeting with cemetery for their approval. Signage coming.
- Landmarking: Terry needs a new chair for this committee. Question was asked about Fairfield money and other contributions. Terry will follow up. Nancy volunteered to assist.

8. Liaison Reports:

- Meeker Arts and Cultural Council: Nancy reported on spring play, Peter Pan.
- Meeker Mustang Makeover: Event was a success. Deciding on new date to help fill hotel rooms.
- White River Alliance: Good news, less algae this year...WRA working on cutting down Russian olive.
- Meeker Moving Forward: Our town planning is still moving forward. Still waiting on final report.
- Main Street: Zoom meeting with DOLA (\$\$) They were impressed. Niki reporting. Suggesting moving to graduate level. Murals and parklets being discussed. Susan Pelloni purchased old hardware store and is a prospect for a mural.
- Yellow Creek School house: Historians completed their historic report that will then go to bid by contractors to complete the restoration and pull out. His office will also organize a trip for fourth graders to Canyon Pintado. High schoolers will be asked to help with curriculum.

9. Adjourn: Next meeting is November 30th. Kay asked about Light Parade. Motion to adjourn: Margaret/Nancy

Minutes by Deirdre Macnab, Board Secretary