

**Rio Blanco County Historical Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2020**  
**5:45 to 6:35pm**

Teresia Reed: President  
Nancy Richardson  
Mona Avey  
Kay Bivens  
Joanne Gardner  
Niki Turner  
Jay Sullivan  
Deirdre Macnab  
Trudy Buruss

1. Called to order at 5:46 pm by President Reed
  - Agenda: No changes to agenda. Deirdre made a motion to approve, Jay seconded, motion passed unanimously.
2. Public Participation: None
3. Minutes of last meeting: Kay Bivens made a motion to accept the minutes, Second by Joanne, motion passed unanimously.
4. Financial Reports: President Reed sent out a scan of the financial reports. We received our first payment of county money of \$21,000 (one more to come) with funds deposited according to the MOU with the County, which provides \$42,000 annually to staff the museum and pay utilities. In December the RBHS participated in Giving Tuesday. Two checks were never received, nor cashed. They will be re-written.
5. Committee Reports:

Museum has been closed due to COVID 19 since 15 of March. Two part time volunteers have been in a few hours a week to update labels, cleaning, oiling the tack, etc. President Reed presented some options to replacing our Museum Director:

  - Hire another paid staff person to manage
  - Manage with President Reed
  - Find executive director
  - Niki Turner made a motion to create a staffing committee to review staffing and job requirement for the museum, the RBHS and HCC to assess needs and make a recommendation. Their mission is to come back to the board by the end of May. Jay Sullivan seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Committee chair: Niki Turner, she would like some prior past presidents, like Steve Wix. She will reach out.

6. Rural Schools: Terry reported that the belfry is in the process of completion for Coal Creek School.
7. Milk Creek Battlefield: Jay is going to buy some brochures. We're out, and they are money makers. He also wants to add some more info about the site on the RBHS website.
8. Old West Heritage: Video working, needs vacuuming.
9. Landmarking: No report
10. Historic Trails: Margaret is following.
11. Information Technology: Working well.
12. Bank Robbers Trail: Slow time due to virus.
13. Constitution/By-Laws/Procedures: No report
14. Liaison Groups:
  - Meeker Mustang Makeover: Report from Deirdre: Thanks the Historical Society for being umbrella for the second year. Focus is on finding trainers at this time. ..event proceeding.
  - White River Alliance: Report from Deirdre: Meetings are virtual for now. Members are having 1.) meetings with CPW on 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.
15. Meeker Moving Forward: Making progress.
16. Mainstreet Project 45 working on banners that reflect town history, Terry reported.
17. Old Business: President needs to appoint a Meeker Conflict Signage Committee. Name changed based on discussion from former "Meeker Massacre". Consensus from discussion.
18. New Business: None
19. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: Niki made Motion and Nancy second, meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.
20. Next meeting is May 26, 2020 at 5:45pm. Virtual unless noticed otherwise.

Minutes by Deirdre Macnab, Secretary