

Rio Blanco County Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2020
5:45 to 7:40 pm

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

1. Called to order at 5:51 pm by President Reed
2. Agenda: One addition to the agenda: Regan Mobley, junior student Meeker High School, Meeker Public Library. Public Participation: None
3. Minutes of last meeting: Jay/Kay: Approved.
4. Financial Reports: Financial reports handed out. Motion, Jay/Kay take \$300 from General Fund for re- doing bank robbery set. Terry R got \$1,000 from a philanthropy group. \$500 used to TR to reimburse conference by Main Street
5. Executive Director Selection Committee reported:
 - Terry Reed has been selected for approval by board as ED
 - Moved by Jay/JoAnn, TR accepted assignment NO VOTE/NO QUORUM
 - Moved: VP Niki Turner to succeed as president Jay/Kay Approved NO VOTE/NO QUORUM
 - Do not have a quorum for approval, will ratify when we do have a quorum
 - Will send contract to committee for review
6. Regan Mobley Library Research Report
 - Creating a virtual walkthrough which also tells the story of Meeker (HistoryMeeker.com) Kay will link to QR codes.
7. Museum Report: Terry has started a few days a week. Looking for files. Jay recommended Utes Must Go, Troubled Trails. The technician for the building will be here tomorrow to make sure everything is functional. Seeing more children due to COVID-19. Maybe a Homeschooling website for listing the museum.
 - Volunteers: One young woman who wants to be a docent. Another young man who is military and wants to donate his museum and volunteer. And one more woman who submitted her interest in volunteer.
 - July 4th: Museum will open, horses coming to use our stagecoach. Bank robbery is taking place on the corner of 6th at 1:00 pm.
 - Buildings and Security: The router is working and so is the security. Garrison has an on and off camera.

8. Rural Schools: Root beer floats being done fundraiser in front of the museum from 9:30 to 1:30pm. Coal Creek School donation box is installed. Belfrey is on hold again...group working on getting it done...original bell will be installed in it. Yellow Creek School: Luke Trout reported BLM YC Assessment Proposal has been funded. An architectural historian will be hired to do a proposal with the schoolhouse to be completed by summer 2021.
9. Milk Creek Battlefield: Meeting at museum at 9:30 and for site at 10am. Jay Sullivan to lead tour. Jay to buy gift certificates for volunteers. He spoke to Rob Bofman who will invite Buffalo Soldiers to speak next year in 2021 as a special event. Flag needs to be changed. Terry has two new ones, and changed them at the Battlefield and museum. Pathway that is wheelchair accessible is needed. Jay will investigate. Terry has included this project in a grant request to the county. Niki suggest stampcrete.
10. Old West Heritage: Tech expert coming to fix. Available to groups. Being cleaned regularly.
11. Landmarking: No report at this time.
12. 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."
13. Information Technology: The website is working. Niki is still working on it and added Museum is open.
14. Bank Robbers Trail: Kay Bivens has gotten all the pictures selected. She is still meeting with Dan from Identity Graphics. Lots of groups want signs. She has talked to the Library and found out they will open June 1st. WREA wants to sponsor a sign for the new park. Cemetery also wants some signage of the history of site. Rec'd permission to put signs in county kiosks by courthouse. "Meeker Uprising" language did not get buy in from commissioners. They want to keep the word 'Massacre'. Working on signs for museum. Wants to rename her project Historical Points of Interest...Sponsors are rec center, WREA, Main Street, Fairfield, Historical Society.
15. Liaison Groups:
 - Meeker Mustang Makeover:
 - 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: No News
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:

19. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn: Jay made Motion to adjourn and Margaret second, meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.
20. Next meeting is July 28 , 2020 at 5:45pm.

Minutes by Deirdre Macnab, Board Secretary