

Minutes

Rio Colorado Chapter Board of Directors

April 20, 2022

In Attendance: Pete Thompson, Tom Rushin, Bruce Gwynn, Thelma Lundy, Linda Elliott-Nelson, Emilia Cortez

Absent: Lenore Stuart, Betsy Gottsponer, Faron Owl, Sue Ann Willen

1. **Call to Order:** 5:47pm
2. **Call to the Public:** None
3. **Approval of March 23, 2022 minutes of the RCC Board of Directors.** Linda Elliott-Nelson moved to approve, seconded by Tom Rushin. Approved unanimously.
4. **President's Remarks:** Bruce Gwynn introduced AHS Executive Director, Dr. David Breechner, to present an approach plan for the Fresh Air Yuma Agriculture History Museum.
5. **Discussion and/or action:**
 - a. Dr. David Breechner presented the benefits of involving Design/Build Firms in support of the joint AHS/YCHS vision for a Fresh-Air Yuma Agriculture History Museum at the Molina Block. Dr. Breechner shared his past experiences with Design/Build Firms and provided examples of their work.
 - b. Bruce Gwynn reminded Board members of the upcoming Joint YCHS/RCC Annual Meeting scheduled for May 18, 2022, beginning at 6pm at the Sanguinetti House Museum. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10 each to cover cost of meal.
6. **Director's Remarks:** Yanna Kruse provided a written report. News of the newly hired Educator Curator, and searches for a part-time Guest Experience Assistant and a researcher/writer for the History Mysteries of Yuma Tour Booklet project were discussed. Anita Maude offered to provide technical support for the booklet project.
7. **Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Update:** Emilia Cortez shared that recent presentations regarding the Rio Colorado and Yuma Territorial Prison were well attended by the public. The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area plans to celebrate Arbor Day by planting 400 trees at East Wetlands Park. Volunteers appreciated!
8. **Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings.** Bruce Gwynn recognized Betsy Gottsponer for her coordination and execution of this year's Dining with the Dead event. Betsy stated that the event was highly attended with sold-out tickets. Betsy would like to consider an early January date for 2023.
9. **Adjournment:** 6:55pm