

# Rio Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

## Board Meeting

January 23, 2024

Sanguinetti Museum and Gardens

240 S. Madison Avenue

Yuma, Arizona 85364

1. **Call to Order:** 5:34 pm by Linda Elliott-Nelson

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Gwynn, Linda Elliott-Nelson, Tom Rushin, Monica Ketchum-Cardenas, Sue Ann Willen, Sheridan Osborn, Emilia Cortez

Absent: Thelma Lundy, Tom Rush, Ellen Riek

Guest: Amanda Dahl

4. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes for the November 14, 2023, Rio Colorado Chapter (RCC) Board of Directors meeting was approved. (Emilia Cortez, Bruce Gwynn)

5. **President's Remarks:** Linda Elliott-Nelson thanked everyone for being present and noted that Ellen Riek would not be able to be present since she was ill with COVID.

Bruce Gwynn introduced Amanda Dahl as the new manager and gave an update on the lease agreement planned between Arizona Historical Society (AHS) and the Yuma County Historical Society (YCHS).

Tom Rushin gave an update on the bathrooms at the Molina Block. They are waiting for inspection on these.

Linda Elliott-Nelson reported that AHS had gone through a Sunset Review on 1/11/24 with a legislative committee and received approval for 8 years. This recommendation still needs to be approved by the general legislature. Linda also reported that AHS is holding a postcard competition for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and has some activities planned for National History Day. Monica Ketchum-Cardenas talked about the conversations she has had with AHS

on an event for NHD at Arizona Western College. That will not be held this year in Yuma, given AHS staff shortages.

Linda noted that Ellen Riek and Monica Ketchum-Cardenas had applied for an innovation grant at Arizona Western College for \$13,850 to establish an app through Cuseum, which created the Historic Charleston Foundation app, which would pay for 2 years of the application and support and includes an interactive map, multilingual support and an events calendar. There are 35 English 102 college students who will begin research on events, places and people in Yuma County to include in this project. Board members present gave many ideas for this project to research.

**Future Meeting Dates:** Linda Elliott-Nelson mentioned that the bylaws of the RCC Board call for a minimum of 4 meetings per year and asked the board if they would wish to meet less frequently. The motion was approved to meet 4 times per year. (Bruce Gwynn, Sheridan Osborn)

6. Call to the Public: no response

**6. Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings.** (None)

Future meetings: 4/23/24, 5/28/24, July/August 2024 summer break

The RCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. (Sheridan Osborn, Emilia Cortez)

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Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, President of the Rio Colorado Chapter Board

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