

Rio Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

October 29, 2024

Sanguinetti Museum and Gardens

240 S. Madison Avenue

Yuma, Arizona 85364

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm by Linda Elliott-Nelson

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Gwynn, Faron Owl, Linda Elliott-Nelson, Tom Rushin, Monica Ketchum-Cárdenas, Sheridan Osborn, Thelma Lundy, Ellen Riek, Tom Rush, Emilia Cortez

Absent: Sue Ann Willen, Betsy Gotsponer

Guests: Amanda Dahl, Mike Pancrazi, Tom Hurt, Tony Sharkey

3. Call to the Public: No response

4. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes for the April 17, 2024, Rio Colorado Chapter (RCC) Board of Directors meeting was approved. (Tom Rushin, Sheridan Osborn)

5. **President's Remarks:** Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson thanked everyone for being present. She noted that the Sanguinetti House, Jack Mellon House, and Molina Block have been transferred to the City of Yuma. She also shared that she is no longer AHS Board President. She is serving as AHS Board Secretary for the next year.

Dr. Ellen Riek talked about the research project that her students are working on in the Yuma area. It should be done by January and will be provided with translation.

Amanda Dahl shared the different activities that are scheduled.

Tom Rush shared information on the latest project from the Yuma Downtown Merchants Association.

7. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Update: Emilia Cortez reported that there are new gazebos in the East Wetlands and more trees have been planted. Christmas on the Colorado is an event that is scheduled for this December.

8. Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings. The next meeting of the RCC Board will be in December 2024. The RCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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

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