



MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Methodist Mountain Room, Toubert Building, Salida

Members Present: Melanie Roth, John McCarthy, Andrea Coen, Nancy Roberts, April Franklin, Emily Katsimpalis, Susan Nies, Clifford Mestel, Alison Ramsey

Absent: Susanna Spaulding

Chair Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2018

Upon a motion by Cliff Mestel, seconded by Andrea Coen, the minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting were approved with one minor correction of members present.

Board Officer Election

Upon a motion by April Franklin, seconded by Emily Katsimpalis, the Board approved appointment of Andrea Coen as Vice Chair. Andrea indicated a possible interest in the Board Chair position in 2019. John McCarthy will continue as Secretary.

2017 SHF Grant

Melanie Roth reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved \$9,000 to fund a hydraulic engineering study of Stone Bridge. Contact has finally been established with the owner of the Garfield mining cabin, and she is fully cooperating in the effort to complete the grant submission. The Simmons are continuing work on the other properties as noted in the March 1 minutes. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the Simmons could attend a future meeting and explain the nomination process to the new Board members. Emily Katsimpalis reported that the Town of Buena Vista Recreation Department was considering applying for was an SHF mini-grant for a structural assessment and repairs, and the cost estimates from the structural engineer

came back at more than double the original estimated amount, so the funds that were available for the match were not enough to cover the new estimates.

CLG Discussion

Emily and Melanie reported that a new employee in the County Planning Department, Christie Barton, is someone who could head a CLG designation for Chaffee County, however she is not familiar with the process and will need some education after she gets up to speed with current job requirements.

Oral Histories with ranching families

Nancy Roberts and Melanie attended a video taping of two of Bruce Cogan's aunts in Colorado Springs. They hope to tape Brady Everett's uncle this summer. Nathan Ward handles the videotaping and they will be included in the Salida Library's history collection. Nancy believes the families will have a privacy issue with releasing the entire video session, and suggested that audio clips with a slide show would be the way to go. The Central Colorado Conservancy has indicated they could provide funding for editing the tapes into useable format.

Hutchison Homestead

Andrea Coen reported on a June 23rd event at the Homestead with senior members of local ranching families discussing ranching history in Chaffee County. They are also planning Heritage Agriculture Day on August 26 with a display of historic ranching equipment and cowboy music.

Outreach

It was suggested that CCHAAB have a booth at upcoming farmer's markets in Salida and BV to educate residents on the importance of preserving their local history, and to inform them of the CCHAAB's work in this area.

Board Social

A social event with all present and past CCHAAB members invited, will be held on May 3 at Amicas in Salida. The event will begin at 5 pm and is Dutch treat.

Next Meeting

Thursday, May 17 in Buena Vista, location TBD

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm