



## **MINUTES OF THE CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD**

**Thursday July 11, 2019**

**Sangre de Cristo Community Room, Buena Vista**

**Members Present:** Melanie Roth, John McCarthy, Lee Coveney, Susanna Spaulding, Nancy Roberts, Cliff Mestel, Susanna Spaulding, Susan Nies, Bill Almquist,

**Absent:** Andrea Early Coen, Art Hutchinson, Dominique Naccarato

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Cliff Mestel, seconded by Lee Coveney, the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2019 were approved. Melanie Roth indicated that since a quorum was not present on May 30, 2019, this was not an official meeting and therefore the notes taken are not official minutes and do not require Board approval.

### **2. CCHAAB Board Composition**

Melanie Roth indicated that Dominique Naccarato has asked if the executive director of GARNA could become an ex officio member of the CCHAAB. Melanie contacted County Attorney Jenny Davis who had no objection to this arrangement, which of course requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners. A lively discussion ensued with all members participating. Eventually two issues emerged:

- Should the Board administrator also be a Board member?
- Since GARNA already has a seat on the Board, would it be fair to other organizations if GARNA had two seats on the Board?

Lee Coveney made a motion, seconded by Nancy Roberts, "that the CCHAAB not make the GARNA executive director an ex office Board member, as GARNA already has one member on the Board who can communicate and vote on issues GARNA wishes to bring to the CCHAAB". The motion was approved.

### **3. SHF Nomination Grants**

The State Historic fund approved the nomination of the Maxwell School to the National Register of Historic Places, and the Arrowpoint Barn and the Delaney Bunkhouse for the State Register. Funds were awarded for the preparation of the national nomination, with a local requirement of \$9,870 in funding.

#### **4. Future SHF Grants – due October 1, 2019**

Melanie Roth and Susan Nies are reviewing the list of initial survey documents to see if any other properties are ready for submission to SHF.

#### **5. Salida Hydroelectric Plant Decommissioning**

Xcel Energy now operates this plant originally constructed in 1906. The plant, on the Little River in Maysville is past its useful life and Excel has offered the plant to any local entity who is interested in using the building as a historic location, or other constructive use. The City of Salida is not interested, and Excel is now setting up conference calls with other parties i.e. USFS, Chaffee County, SPOT, CCHAAB.

#### **6. CLG Discussion**

Nothing to report here. Melanie will call Christie Barton at the County to determine if there is interest in moving forward with this project.

#### **7. Ranching Family Oral Histories**

Dominique has the hard drive containing the recent recordings. Nancy Roberts and Melanie will continue to work on this as time permits.

#### **8. Special Use Review**

John McCarthy and Lee Coveney continue to review proposed Land Use Changes and offer comments to the County. John asked if the Board agreed that we limit our comments to development affecting the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway or historic structures on the site Comments from the Board agreed with that limitation.

- Cool Clear Water, on the Arkansas River on CR 163 and just north of CR 160, proposes 12 condominiums in 6 buildings along the bench on the West side of the river. They would not be visible from the scenic byway, nor are there historic structures on site. Therefore the response to the County contained no objection.
- Industrial Park on the south side of CR 140, opposite Harriet Alexander Field. This seems to be an ideal location for commercial use, there are no historic structures on site, and it is more than a mile from any point on the scenic byway. We responded to the County with no objection.

#### **9. Additional Project Ideas**

Cliff Mestel is researching the location of the original Lake County Courthouse in Granite, which became the Chaffee County Courthouse upon division of Lake County. He believes this location played a key role in the Lake County War.

#### **10. Partner News**

On July 27, GARNA is hosting a lecture on the De Anza expedition of 1779 which is believed to have crossed Poncha Pass and proceeded up the Ute Trail to South Park. Salida Heritage Days will commence on September 27.

11. The next Board meeting will be in Salida on August 22.

Melanie Roth adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm

