

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

AN AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Fort Concho Museum Board*  
THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS  
April 16, 2024 3:30 pm  
Fort Concho Barracks 6, Burgess at Flipper Streets

FORT CONCHO'S BARRACKS 6 IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO OBSERVE OR COMMENT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE FORT CONCHO BOARD LIAISON, BOB BLUTHARDT, 630 South Onakes, 481-2626 AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

*As a courtesy to those in attendance, please place your cell phone on "Silent" or "Vibrate"  
Thank You!*

I. OPEN SESSION

- A. Call to Order
- B. Determination of a quorum
- C. Approval of excused absences
- D. Introduction of Guests
- E. Presentations
- F. Public Comment

The Board takes public comment on all items in the Regular Agenda. Public input on a Regular Agenda item will be taken at its appropriate discussion. Public input on an item not on the Agenda or Consent Agenda may be identified and requested for consideration by the Board at this time. The Board may request an item to be placed on a future agenda, or for a Consent Agenda item, to be moved to the Regular Agenda for public comment.

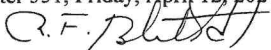
II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of approving the March 19, 2024 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT

- 4. Review of 2024 Polo Event
- 5. Nominations Report
- 6. Update on San Angelo Gives Program of May 7
- 7. Fort Concho Logo Committee Update
- 8. Review of Christmas at Old Fort Concho for 2024
- 9. Collections Report
- 10. Fort Concho Membership Drive Update
- 11. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 reconstruction project
- 12. Fort Concho Foundation Report
- 13. Staff News
- 14. Future Agenda Items
- 15. Adjournment and Tour of Barracks/Mess Halls 3 & 4

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Friday, April 12, 2024



Robert F. Bluthardt  
Site Manager  
Fort Concho

## Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes

February 20, 2024

### I. Open Session

**A. Call to order** – President Don Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM in Barracks 6.

**B. Determination of a Quorum** – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt confirmed a quorum was present: Don Barnhart, Sarah Cole, Colleen Haddad, Kathy Keane, Yukio Kuniyuki, Lt. Col. John McAllister, Lisa Marley, Dr. Jason Pierce, Dave Schaller, Tracy Simpson, Monty Stanley, and Tommy Earnest. Absent: George Balli, Penny Roberts, and Sherley Spears.

**C. Approval of Excused Absences** – Lisa Marley moved to approve and Monty Stanley seconded the excused absences. Motion carried.

*President Don Barnhart remarked that Vice-President Monty Stanley was “educating” him on what items required approval and which ones didn’t.*

**D. Introduction of Guests** – Ewell Loudermilk, potential Board Member

**E. Presentations** – Mark Stevenson from the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council was scheduled to appear and present a check to Fort Concho but was unable to attend.

**F. Public Comment** – Yukio Kuniyuki informed the Board that San Angelo won the People’s Choice Award for Best Destination for Arts and Culture by Travel Texas Awards.

### II. Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of approving the January 20, 2024 Minutes – Board approved the Minutes without a vote being required.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Lisa Marley presented the financials for the first third of the Fiscal Year of October 2023 thru January 2024. Income for January up over \$10,000 vs. 2023 and third best of the past 12 years. The shop, admissions, Christmas, rent, and interest all show increases.

Income for the year up almost \$46,000 over same point in 2023. Shop, Christmas, Special Events, Membership, Miscellaneous and Interest all higher.

Expense for the year are higher for this point due to Christmas bills being paid sooner; increased personnel costs and some minor operational costs. Over next eight months the income and expenses will come nearer into balance.

For the first third of the fiscal year, total income is \$430,338; total expense are \$467,038; with a deficit of \$36,700.

Lisa provided a handout to the Board showing for the first quarter Income, Expenses, and Profit/Loss from 2024 back to 2007.

Bob noted that deficits come/go throughout the fiscal year and the goal remains to balance by the end of September.

Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Sarah Cole and seconded by Colleen Haddad.  
Motion carried.

*Daisy Herr, ASU Honors Program Intern arrived at 3:42.*

3. Site Manager's Report – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt paid homage to former Board member Louis Rork; former COSA Mayor JW Lown; Robert Preston, the Sargent Major of the Living History Unit at Fort Stockton; Corran Plain, a Collections volunteer; and Joe Weaver, a mainstay volunteer at Fort Concho. All will be missed.

Sarah Ross and Eunice Tibay made it back from Florida for the Civil War re-enactment, where it rained for two days.

Bob returned from Arizona not only with the furniture but also 400-500 books from the Gordon Chappell collection.

Bob reminded the Board of the Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day activities on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Bob told story of meeting while in Arizona, Jack Blades through Dr. John Langellier. Mr. Blades has a dress uniform of a 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry soldier who was stationed at Fort Concho and married a local girl. Bob will send a Fort Concho bowl to Mr. Blades for possible enticement. Mr. Blades is of the rock group *Night Ranger* and performed the hit song *Sister Christian*.

*President Don Barnhart at this time streamed the intro to Sister Christian for the Board.*

### **III. Regular Agenda: Public Hearing and Comment**

4. Buildings and Grounds Report - Parade ground grass still looking great. Contractor working on fascia and columns. Fort maintenance guys will be replacing the porch on Barracks 1.

5. Review of 2023 Symphony Polo Event and Proposed 2024 Polo Event – Bob stated that the Symphony leadership wants to meet with him prior to attending a Board meeting. Timeline for the event is first weekend in May 2024, two weeks after the Cavalry Competition. Bob will work on having Symphony attend the March Board meeting.

6. Nominations Report – Bob talked about the nomination process and reiterated there are still two slots open. Sherley, Kathy, and Dave will continue to serve until replaced.

7. Discussion on Fort Concho logo – Committee has not met yet. Bob is looking at schedule for possible dates.

8. Collection Report – Bob covered collections in the Arizona trip.

9. Update on Barracks and Mess Halls 3 & 4 reconstruction project – Bob will take the Board for an onsite inspection after the meeting is adjourned.

10. Fort Concho Foundation Report – Market is up and investments are doing good.

11. Update on Concho Mail Station Project – Mr. Bradel has smoothed the waters with the Texas Historical Commission; he is still working on getting a group from the archeological division on site. He will work with Fort Concho on getting the site registered as a Texas Archeological Site.

*Side note from Bob is that the Budweiser Clydesdale horses MAY be coming to San Angelo.*

12. Review of Christmas at Old Fort Concho Admission Fee Structure – Entry fee for children to stay at \$3, seniors and military to go from \$5 to \$7, and regular adult to go from \$7 to \$9. Booth fees may or may not increase as that is not a growth market. Per Bob, sponsorship fees are ok where they are now.

13. Staff News – No Staff news

14. Future Agenda Items – President Don Barnhart stated an email was received from a teacher at Fort Concho Elementary School that a student wanted to do a presentation for the Board. See item #15. Membership drive discussion at March meeting. Christmas at Old Fort Concho.

15. Proposal to hold March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Fort Concho Elementary School – To be determined, but likely the meeting will be at FCES.

*Bob reiterated to be careful that the email threads bouncing around between us do not violate the Texas Open Meetings Act. Be careful in "Reply to All".*

*Cal Sugg sent a very nice membership check to the Fort. Mr. Sugg will get a Fort Concho bowl.*

16. Adjournment and Inspection of Barracks/Mess Halls 3 & 4 – Motion to adjourn made by Dave Schaller and seconded by Colleen Haddad. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

*Bob led the Board to inspect the construction progress of the barracks and mess halls. Hopefully we didn't interfere with the construction workers too much.*

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Earnest, Board Secretary

/s/ *Tommy Earnest*