

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING**

**AN AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Fort Concho Museum Board*  
THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS  
October 15, 2024 3:30 pm  
Fort Concho Officers' Barracks 6, Flipper at Burgess 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 Oakes, 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. Those wishing to make public comment must register with the board liaison before the meeting.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Consideration of Approving the September 17, 2024 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

**III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS**

- 4. Update on The Wall That Heals Proposed at Fort Concho in March-2025
- 5. Nominations Report
- 6. Fort Concho Logo Committee Update
- 7. Update on Christmas at Old Fort Concho 2024
- 8. Collections Report
- 9. Fort Concho Membership Drive Update

10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 Reconstruction Project
11. Fort Concho Foundation Report
12. Review of Upcoming Events
13. Staff News
14. Briefing on National 2026 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Fort Concho Centennial 2027.
15. Future Agenda Items

Tour of Barracks/Mess Halls 3-4 facility

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Friday, October 11, 2024



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Robert F. Bluthardt  
Site Manager  
Fort Concho

## **Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes**

**August 20, 2024**

### **Officer's Quarters 8**

#### **I. Open Session**

**A. Call to Order** – Board President Don Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**B. Determination of a Quorum** – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt confirmed a quorum was present: Don Barnhart, Penny Roberts, Lisa Marley, Ewell Loudermilk, Tracy Simpson, Dr. Jason Pierce, Colleen Haddad, and Tommy Earnest. Absent: Monty Stanley, Sarah Clemens, Yukio Kuniyuki, Asher Rogers, Sherley Spears, George Balli, and LTC Raymond Kuderka.

**C. Approval of Excuse Absences** – Motion made to excuse the absences by Lisa Marley and seconded by Tracy Simpson. Motion carried.

**D. Introduction of Guests** – Destiny Jaso and Luis Urteaga from Downtown San Angelo asked to use the Stables for an event on Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. Bob stated that Staff recommendation is to charge a token utility fee for the event. The Board members in attendance gave verbal approval as per the recommendation and this will be an agenda item on the September Board meeting for formal consideration.

Tammy Virden, Executive Director of the Texas Forts Trail. The Trail covers 29 counties in Central/West Texas. San Angelo and Abilene are the anchor cities. Tammy talked about the four mini-caravan expeditions scheduled during the year through the Trail. The number three caravan is scheduled for September 5-6. Number four caravan will end at Fort Concho on December 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Christmas at Old Fort Concho. The Forts Trail Wine Fest will be in Mason during September. Per Bob, the Forts Trail organization is a good partnership for the Fort.

*Note: Skipped to the Consent Agenda*

#### **II. Consent Agenda**

**1. Consideration of Approving the June 18, 2024 Minutes** – Minutes were accepted and approved by the Board.

**2. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Lisa Marley presented the Financial Report for June and July 2024. June income was overall up 10% over 2023 and the second best of the past 13 years. General donations way up. Interest on the Fund Balance up 100%. July income overall up 3.5% over 2023 and about 9% over past ten years average. Shop and admissions up. Membership is down but YTD is much better. July interest is also up. YTD Income overall up about \$86,000 over 2023, a 15% increase and best in past 12 years. All categories up except for Special Projects, i.e., the Calvary competition with fewer registrants. YTD Expenses overall up due to higher costs and full staff versus 2023. Still not too far over the bench mark at 85.5% at 83.3% of the fiscal year. YTD Total Income/All Sources is \$1,029,201. YTD Total Operational Expenses is \$1,097,991. Expenses over Income is \$68,700. August and September will have higher income levels and should shave this deficit to a lower figure.

The Treasurer's Report was Acknowledged and Accepted by the Board.

*Note: Skipped to Item 6 of the Regular Agenda*

**6. Review and Approval of Updated Rules and Guideline for Use of Materials at Fort Concho Library/Archives** – Eunice Tibay researched other institutions policies, copyrights, etc., and examples were provided to the Board in the Board packet. Proposed, new policy will be reviewed during the September Board meeting.

**8. Collections Report** - Cory Robinson stated that the Forts' collection is around 20,000 items. Cory brought item #195516342, a silver candlestick holder donated by the Don Chamberlin family. The Fort acquired this item in 1936. Cory described the chain of custody before it came to the Fort. The family story was that it came from Santa Anna, yes that Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, known for a little skirmish called the Alamo and later San Jacinto. Cory told of visiting the new collections exhibit at the Alamo a couple of weeks earlier. While there, Cory sees a very similar candlestick holder. He initiated a conversation with the Alamo curatorial staff to learn what they had to say about their candlestick holder. The Alamo staff stated the one in their collection came from the SAME Chamberlin family. The Alamo has one of Santa Anna's candlestick holders and Fort Concho has the other! Cory stated that there could be a photo op of getting these two sister candlestick holders back together. The silver candlestick holders were made in Sheffield England in the early 1800's and (several Board member's conjecture) possibly of silver mined in Mexico.

Cory then introduced one of his volunteer assistants, Caleb Allred, who described some of his duties. Caleb has had volunteer experience at other museums and institutions. Also working with Cory on redesign of the Comanche teepee in Barracks 1. Caleb aspires to be a curator himself.

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**3. Site Manager's Report** – Bob referred the Board to the Site Manager's Report in the Board packet. Bob highlighted the American Plains Art Show, hosting of the Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event, National Cowboy Day, Buffalo Soldier Anniversary Day, and the Fess Parker Centennial festival. ASU Intern Kee Edgin to start soon. No Budweiser Clydesdale's in the fall, maybe in March.

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**4. Update on The Wall That Heals Proposed at Fort Concho in March 2025** – No update at this time.

**5. Nominations Report** – Bob read through the list of current Board members who can affirm if wanting to remain active; Tommy Earnest, yes; Penny Roberts, yes; Tracy Simpson, yes; Don Barnhart, yes; absent to response, George Balli, Yukio Kuniyuki, Monty Stanley; Dr. Jason Pierce will term out but serve until replaced as well as Sherley Spears, who has termed out but will serve until replaced.

**7. Fort Concho Logo Committee** – Will attempt to schedule a meeting before the September Board meeting.

**9. Fort Concho Membership Drive Update** – Bob provided a list of former members who had expired over the last five years for the Board to review and contact to encourage membership renewal. Several names were struck from the list. Another list was provided of current members who might need a gentle nudge to renew their membership. The lists will be sent to the absent Board members and reviewed in the September Board meeting with the goal of either having them renewed or dropped from the active rolls.

**10. Update on Barracks and Mess Halls 3 & 4 Reconstruction Project** - 99.9% done. Final contractors punch list and City inspection. Any moving of shelving, books, artifacts, etc, won't happen until Mother Nature cools down. Any Grand Opening will be coordinated through the San Angelo Foundation.

**11. Fort Concho Foundation Update** – Investments good.

**12. Review of Upcoming Events** – Hunger Art Show next in Quartermaster Building. Archeology Fair in September. Concho Mail Station issue under control. September 18<sup>th</sup> will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Red River Wars.

**13. Staff News** – nothing new at this time.

**14. Future Agenda Items** – nothing at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Colleen Haddad and seconded by Don Barnhart. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy Earnest, Secretary

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