

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

AN AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Fort Concho Museum Board*  
THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

June 20, 2023 3:30 pm

Mayer Museum at Angelo State University  
2501 West Avenue N

Masks optional when within the building

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*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.

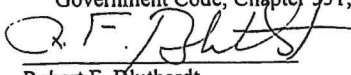
II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of approving the May 16, 2023 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

- 4. Buffalo Soldier Exhibit and Possible Future Traveling Exhibits
- 5. Staff Reports
- 6. Review of Polo on the Concho with Courtney Mahaffey and Plans for 2024 Event
- 7. Report on Site of Concho Mail Station
- 8. Fort Concho Membership Drive Report
- 9. Building and Grounds Updates
- 10. Briefing on Oakes Street Bridge Closure and Repairs
- 11. Fort Concho Foundation Report
- 12. Update on Barracks/Mess Halls 3-4 Reconstruction
- 13. Update on NAACP Buffalo Soldier Memorial Project
- 14. Future Agenda Items
- 15. Consideration of Cancelling July 18 Board Meeting
- 16. Announcements

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Friday, June 16, 2023

  
Robert F. Bluthardt  
Site Manager  
Fort Concho

**Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes**  
**May 16, 2023**

**I. OPEN SESSION**

**A. Call to Order** - In the absence of President Sherley Spears, and after waiting for a quorum, Vice President Don Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:56 p.m. at Fort Concho Officers Quarters 8, East Avenue D.

**B. Determination of a Quorum** - Bob Bluthardt, Site Manager, confirmed that having 8 members in attendance, a quorum was present: Don Barnhart, Dave Schaller, Tommy Earnest, Monty Stanley, Colleen Haddad, Penny Roberts, Lisa Marley and Yukio Kuniyuki.

**C. Approval of Excused Absences** – Absent were Kathy Keane, Tracy Simpson, Sherley Spears, LTC John McAllister, Sarah Clemens, George Balli, and Jason Pierce. A motion was made by Dave Schaller to excuse the absences and Tommy Earnest seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

**D. Introduction of Guests** - None present.

**E. Presentations** - None.

**F. Public Comment** - None.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of the April 18, 2023 Minutes** - Colleen Haddad moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2023. Yukio Kuniyuki seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**2. Treasurer's Report** - Lisa Marley presented the financials for April 2023. April's income was down 7%, but is 21% above the ten-year average. Most income streams are on track with the prior year. Admissions were lower in April due to several extra free days. The gift shop was down and staff will be looking at ways to promote it better, but its current space is cramped and must await the Barracks 1 re-fit in future years. Year-to-date income is down 1.6%, but up 7% over the past 9 years. Rentals are up \$8500 or 14% over last year. Interest income is way up. Year-to-date expenses is down about 2%, however most categories are within a few percentage points of the benchmarks for the year. Total income for April was

\$715,452, while operating expenses were \$658,526. This nets a positive fund balance of \$56,926. Colleen Haddad moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Yukio Kuniyuki seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

**3. Site Manager's Report** - Because a member needed to leave quickly which would result in the absence of a quorum, in the interest of moving the agenda along, this report was not discussed but included in other agenda items.

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

**4. Collections Report** - None.

**5. Staff Reports** - None.

**6. Report on Site of Concho Mail Station** - This item is on the City Council agenda for their meeting on May 17, 2023. Bob Bluthardt, having met with Carl White and the West Texas Archeological Society, informed the board that the presentation to Council will be to seek further direction and permission to research the project further. No funding is being requested.

**7. Review of Symphony Polo Event of April 29 at Fort Concho** - This event went well and the Symphony is interested in having the event again next year. There were no logistical issues and a bill has already been sent to the Symphony for cost of staff time and building use. The Fort is holding two weekends for next year (the same equivalent weekend in April and the first weekend in May) and the Symphony will get back with their decision. It is not clear if the Symphony will want to do the concert again at the Stables, but the Stables is unavailable for one of those weekends. A plan for their 2024 event should be ready for Board review at the next meeting.

**8. Review of Regional Cavalry Competition and Frontier Day of April 20-22** - The Regional Cavalry Competition event was the biggest one that we've ever hosted in the eight times that it has been scheduled here. Started the event with a goal of 20-30 riders and had 42 riders in attendance. It was almost as big as the national event at Fort Reno. We look forward to doing it again next year. Bob noted another group is looking to schedule another regional event in the Las Vegas area, but is unclear if that will happen. This event is not a revenue event for Fort Concho, but it would be missed if it doesn't occur. Frontier Day from our perspective was good, but the Lions Club only had about half of their normal audience. The Fort will

work with them for better promotion in the future. Additionally there were a few other events going on in the city on that day.

**9. Fort Concho Membership Drive Report** - Bob Bluthardt informed the Board that we are 2/3 of the way to our goal. As of yesterday, \$30,750 has been received. Now that San Angelo Gives is complete, the Fort will resume sending out notices to those who didn't respond to the first mailing earlier in the year. The Fort received about \$17,000 including bonus money from San Angelo Gives.

**10. Building and Grounds Updates** - None.

**11. Briefing on Oakes Street Bridge Repair** - Shane Kelton, City Operations Director, says that the City has been told that the bridge will be closed on the first or second week in June. This is not official until it happens. He believes TXDOT will have an in-place re-routing system that will move people coming from the North onto Concho, then Chadbourne and then Avenue A and the reverse if coming from the South. Mr. Kelton indicated detour signs will be in place and ready to go. Once this occurs, the Fort will advertise the detour on their social media pages. The project is expected to last 8 months, which will last through the Buffalo Soldier Memorial, the Fort's summer season and the Christmas at Old Fort Concho event.

**12. Fort Concho Foundation Report** - The Foundation is reinvesting some of their discretionary funds to take advantage of the new CD rates. The next Foundation meeting will be in August.

**13. Update on Barracks/Mess Halls 3 - 4 Reconstruction** - Still a lot of work to be done on the inside, but appears to be on track for a late summer completion.

**14. Update on NAACP Buffalo Soldier Memorial Project** - None due to absence of Sherley Spears, although Bob Bluthardt indicated that the project is on task.

**15. Consideration and Approval of holding June 20 meeting at Buffalo Soldier exhibit at Mayer Museum at Angelo State University** - Bob Bluthardt suggested that because the exhibit that Cory created is so outstanding, it would be good for the Board to have their next meeting at the Mayer Museum. ASU has already informed Bob that this is possible. There is also some discussion that we may turn a portion of this exhibit into a traveling exhibit, which could create some

income and recognition for the Fort. Don Barnhart expressed gratitude and thanks to Cory for his efforts on this exhibit. The Board concurred with their gratitude to Cory.

**16. Future Agenda Items - None.**

**17. Announcements** True West Magazine ran a complete page advertisement on Fort Concho and Bob thanked the Chamber/Destination Marketing Organization (formerly CVB) for their support. Bob Bluthardt passed out a summary from the two ASU interns (Robert Burnett & Kaci Wainscott) on their involvement on the Board. This is their official report to their professor. Both of them were very impressed with the Board and enjoyed their involvement.

**Adjournment** - At 4:15 p.m. Don Barnhart moved to adjourn the meeting which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted for Kathy Keane,

/s/ *Lisa Marley*

Lisa Marley, Treasurer

## **Fort Concho Museum Board**

### **Site Manager's Report    May 17 –June 20, 2023**

#### **Programs/Events/Public Service**

Fort staff and volunteers have managed several events these past four weeks. The artillery crew saluted our military for Armed Forces Day on May 17. Our Memorial Day ceremony was among our best on May 29 with the State Salvation Army Band. That evening the fort's 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry unit posted the colors for the Community Band Concert. The first Campfire Story Night entertained a few dozen folks on June 8. The fort's artillery participated in the Change of Command ceremony for the base commander at Goodfellow on June 16

#### **Oakes Street Bridge**

As discussed, the bridge was closed effective, Monday, June 5. The detour signs are large and mostly clear, though they blow over during storms. We will be posting Facebook notices for future events.

#### **Storms**

We have had several rain events since the last board meeting, and a few had high winds. The site did not suffer any major damage beyond some tree limbs and a whole tree near OQ 3 (weakened by termites) snapping in half. Our firewood supply for the winter just increased! Maintenance staff have a busy next few weeks staying ahead of unusually lush grasses and weeds.

#### **Flagpole**

Our friends at AEP declared the old flagpole unsafe for re-instillation and they are working on getting us a new one. The old one was at least fifteen years old and had some stress cracks.

#### **Archivist Position**

We have posted the position held for many years by Evelyn Lemons who sadly passed away last November 2. We anticipate a very thorough and thoughtful process to find the best candidate.

#### **Summer Western Art Show**

The first paintings have arrived! Opening is Thursday, June 22, 530-700 pm. We anticipate 40-50 works from five artists selected by the guests visiting the 2022 major show.

#### **Future Events**

We will be one of the stops for the Downtown Evening Event of Thursday, June 29. Our artillery will be the sole gun for the Pops Concert on July 3 as the other units are taking part in the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gettysburg. Our gun salutes the 4<sup>th</sup> the next day, 10 am – 3 pm. National Cowboy Day of July 22 and the much-awaited Buffalo Soldier Memorial Weekend Celebration of July 28-30 round out the next month.

#### **Respectfully submitted**

**Robert F. Bluthardt/Site Manager**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RFB', is written over the printed name of Robert F. Bluthardt.



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May 24, 2023

Fort Concho National Historic Landmark  
630 South Oakes  
San Angelo, TX 76903

Thank you for taking part in San Angelo Gives 2023 and helping make May 2nd the largest day of giving in our community. Collectively we raised over \$4.1 million for local organizations in just 24 hours and the community responded with more than 12,000 donations! We could not have accomplished such a goal without the hard work and dedication from every organization.

We have finalized all transactions and calculations regarding each organization's pro-rata share of the amplification funds and applied appropriate prize dollars to each organizations total. Please find the enclosed; your organizations unrestricted grant check approved by the Foundations Board of Directors. Calculations are as follows:

Amount Raised: \$ 13,625.00  
Net Amplification: \$ 964.16  
Prizes \$ 25.00  
Total Disbursement: \$ 14,614.16

In addition, please sign and return the enclosed confirmation ensuring that your organization has received the disbursement check.

Please feel free to reach out to us for any additional questions you might have and hope that you are looking forward to celebrating 10 years of community giving in 2024!

Thank you,

Matt Lewis

SAN ANGELO  
*Gives*

The San Angelo Area Foundation has acknowledged all donations, but we encourage you to utilize your NPO report to thank your donor's personally. These reports can be found in your organization dashboard under the My Donations tab, but if you are unable to retrieve your donor information, please let us know. Per the posted rules on the San Angelo Gives website and the signed statement of agreement, all donations made through San Angelo Gives are eligible as a tax deductible gift through SAAF and each organization agreed that no tangible benefits were provided for donations made during the event. Gifts made through San Angelo Gives are non-refundable; however SAAF must take into consideration unintentional duplicate transactions, donor remorse, or fraudulent transactions, and therefore reserves the right to request reimbursement if any such refunds occur.

Ann  
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Janna  
Haddley

Liz Lunn

Caroline Drom

Jasmyn  
Harris

Jesenia Rodriguez

Linda Burdette

Dear Bob,

On behalf of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank you for sponsoring our May luncheon. The Chamber could not accomplish our goals without your generosity, involvement, and support.

It was a pleasure working with you and we look forward to partnering with you again in the future.

Thank you for your investment in the Chamber!

Sincerely,

Tricia Peterson

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Vice President of Events & Fundraising  
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce





FORT CONCHO NATIONAL HISTORIC  
LANDMARK PRESENTS

# Campfire Story Night

June 8 June 22 July 6

Join us for our summer series as  
we tell stories around the fire  
about those who lived at Fort  
Concho while it was still active.  
Be sure to stick around for smores.  
All ages welcome

Fort Concho Courtyard, Between Barracks 5 and 6  
7 PM -8 PM



# SUMMER WESTERN Art Show

JUNE 22, 2023



Featuring the favorite artists of the 2022 American Plains Artists Show as voted by our guests.

Our opening reception will be on:  
**Thursday, June 22, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**  
**Barracks 6**

(located on Henry O Flipper Street and Burgess Street)

The art show will be open until Sunday, August 6,  
2023.

You can stop by every Tuesday-Saturday from 10  
am-4 pm; and on Sunday, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm.

Closed on Monday.

Free to all!



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Fort Concho Stables  
July 3, 2023  
5-7PM

# Lions Club HAMBURGER Dinner



## \$10/plate

HAMBURGER, CHIPS, COOKIE AND A BOTTLED WATER

TO-GO  
AVAILABLE!

Contact Helen Wilde for tickets at (325) 277-4758

