

## **Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes**

**November 19, 2024**

### **Fort Concho Mess Hall 4**

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

**A. Call to Order** – Board President Don Barnhart called the Meeting to Order at 3:35 PM

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

**C. Approval of Excused Absences** – Motion made to excuse the absences by Lisa Marley and seconded by Sherley Spears. Motion carried.

**D. Introduction of Guests-** Carl White, COSA Parks & Recreation Director; Eunice Tibay, Fort Concho Museum Archivist; Sarah Thieme, Fort Concho Education Coordinator; and Daisy Herr, ASU Honors Program Intern.

**E. Presentations** – see III, #8

**F. Public Comment** – no Public Comment

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

**1. Consideration of Approving the October 19, 2024 Minutes** – Accepted and Approved by Consent.

**2. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Lisa Marley reported that Income for September 2024 was the second-best September in past decade. End of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Income; overall total of FY 2024 almost \$103,000 over 2023, Admissions up, Gift Shop up \$4700 over last year, C@OFC up almost \$10,000, Rent up nearly \$5,000 and Interest way up. End of FY 2023-2024 Expenses; Overall up from last year due to full staff and salary adjustments, overall Fort spent just 1.5% over budget or just under \$19,000, Increases above budget spread evenly throughout entire budget. Monthly Income October 2024; Up almost \$17,500 over previous Oct 2023, Rent and Membership were the biggest gainers. YTD Expenses; 8.3% of Fiscal Year and have spent only 6.7%, All line items below first month projections. Total Income for Month is \$113,523. Total Expenses are \$93,210. Positive for Fiscal Year at \$20,313. The Treasurer's Report was Accepted and Approved by Consent.

**3. Site Managers Report** – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt referred the Board to the Report in the Board packet.

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

**4. Update on *The Wall That Heals* proposed at Fort Concho in March 2025** – Per Don, who received an email from J. J. Graham, that their group's application was not accepted during this initial period. They will apply again at a later date. The Fort Board and Staff will continue to support this endeavor. This item will be taken off the agenda for the time being.

**5. Nominations Report** – Hearing no new nominations for Board Officers, the current Officers will continue in their respective positions for the upcoming year. Motion made to continue the current Officers in their positions by Yukio and seconded by Sherley. Motion carried.

**6. Update on Christmas at Old Fort Concho** – Good shape so far per Bob.

**7. Consideration of canceling the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2024** – consensus was to cancel said Meeting.

**8. Report on Big Bend Studies Conference and Participation by Eunice Tibay and Daisy Herr** - Eunice and Daisy presented for the Board the slide show “*Concho River: Blessing or Curse*” they did at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Well done, Ladies!

**9. Collections Report** – Cory didn’t bring to the meeting any neat stuff this time, but is working on an exhibit on how and why the Fort collects things. This will be in the conference room in Barracks 1. Bob is working with the interns on a post card exhibit of San Angelo and secondly, an exhibit of the Visitor’s Center/Barracks 1 future project.

**10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3 & 4** – Closer to finished. Move-in maybe in January 2025. The Fort Concho Foundation will be working with the Noelke Family foundations in crafting a long-term operations and support plan for the new buildings.

**11. Fort Concho Foundation Report** – no report at this time; board meets in January.

**12. Review of Upcoming Events** – the big kahuna, C@OFC

**13. Staff News** – Kudo’s to the Staff with what Bob wrote in the Site Manager’s Report.

**14. Future Agenda Items** – input from ad agency on the logo.

Next Board Meeting Tuesday January 21, 2025

Motion to adjourn made by George Balli and seconded by Tracy Simpson. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tommy Earnest, Secretary

/s/ *Tommy Earnest*