

Rio Colorado Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2025

Sanguinetti Museum and Gardens

240 S. Madison Avenue

Yuma, Arizona 85364

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 pm by Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Bruce Gwynn, Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, Tom Rushin, Sheridan Osborn, Thelma Lundy, Dr. Monica Ketchum-Cárdenas

Absent: Tom Rush, Sue Ann Willen, Faron Owl, Dr. Ellen Riek

Guests: Kent Furrow

3. **Call to the Public:** No response

4. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes for the April 16, 2025, Rio Colorado Chapter (RCC) Board of Directors meeting was approved. (Thelma Lundy, Bruce Gwynn)

5. **President's Remarks:** Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson thanked everyone for being present. She gave updates on the state budget for the Arizona Historical Society and asked Dr. Monica Ketchum-Cárdenas to give an update on the Yuma History app that she and Dr. Ellen Riek have been working on with their students. Dr. Ketchum-Cárdenas reported that in her History of Arizona class, 7 students did projects on Yuma history that will be uploaded to the app during Fall 2025. She added that the General Education core of classes has had an "Institutions of the Americas" category added, which includes classes in history. This has added enrollment numbers to the history classes. She will be checking on grant opportunities as funds will be needed to keep the app going.

6. **Board Officer Elections:** The following board officers were nominated: Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, RCC President; Tom Rushin, RCC Vice President; Dr. Monica Ketchum-Cardenas, RCC Secretary. (Thelma Lundy, Bruce

Gwynn) Motion was approved to elect these individuals as RCC board officers.

7. Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Update – Tom Rushin reported that the YCNHA bylaws have been rewritten with changes requested by the City of Yuma. These will be reviewed at the next YCNHA board meeting.

8. Announcements and matters for consideration at future board meetings. Bruce Gwynn reported that Ashley Pendleton is the new manager. Upcoming events will include History Dinners, Garden Talk lunches, a Las Posadas on December 18th, and Redondo Day on February 7th.

The RCC Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.

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Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, President of the Rio Colorado Chapter Board

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