



CHAFFEE COUNTY HERITAGE AREA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, April 11, 2024 12pm-1:30pm
Methodist Room, Touber Bldg, Salida or ZOOM

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1. Melanie Roth – representing BV Heritage, 1/31/25	6. Andrea Earley Coen, Chair – representing Hutchinson Homestead & Learning Center, 1/31/25
2. Kathryn Dunleavy – representing Salida, 1/31/24	7. Art Hutchinson - Ranching interest, 1/31/25
3. Brandon Wolff - representing Chaffee County	8. - Suzy Kelly - Town of Buena Vista; historic preservation, Ranching Interest, 1/31/25
4. Kent Wood - mid-Valley representation/ scenic Byway/ BLM Resource Advisory Council, 1/31/26	9. - Recreation interest/ BLM/ Forest Service?
5. - Indigenous People's/ Cultural Heritage Education interest?	10. Wendy McDermott - Central Colorado Conservancy
11. Bonnie Davis - GARNA Board member	
12. at large/ S. end of County - Susanna Spaulding (until further notice!)	
Staff Member: Jason Marsden, GARNA	

Melanie Roth called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Present: Melanie Roth, acting chair; Bonnie Davis, Art Hutchinson, Suzanne Kelly, Brandon Wolff, Kent Wood, members; Jason Marsden (Staff).

Agenda Items:

1. Review March Meeting Minutes (Melanie)

Suzanne moved and Bonnie seconded approval of the March minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. County Board Training Recap (Melanie or Suzy)

Suzy attended this training via Zoom. She thought they did a good job. The County Attorney led the training, and it was well-attended, and recorded. Melanie is planning to review the recording to continue to be aware of issues the attorney underscored such as open-meeting and notice requirements. Board members are encouraged to do the same.

3. TravelStories Update (Jason)

Jason summarized what is needed from us for TravelStories to create the audio tour for the Collegiate Peaks Byway. At this stage, we need to identify six sites that are far enough apart that 3-minute audio pieces (about each site and the recreation potential/amenities each offers) don't intrude on one another. Then we need to designate a project lead.

Suzy volunteered to provide info about sites for the creation of the scripts of the audio pieces.

The Board agreed we will participate; that Jason will be the point person to support it; and the six sites will be the Salida Chamber, the Poncha Visitors Center, the Pike turnout, the Chalk Creek turnout, the BV Courthouse and the Granite/Stage Road wayside. Kent moved and Bonnie seconded the above. The motion carried unanimously. Jason will follow up with the TravelStorys team.

4. CCHAAB LOS for St. Elmo Morley Site SHF grant application (Melanie)

Andrea did a letter of support for Historic St. Elmo for an application on April 1. The grant would rehabilitate the Morley bridge at Romley. It was first used by a historic railroad and is now serving CR 295. Since the 1990s it has been blocked to all vehicular traffic due to its condition. The grant is being done in three phases. The wood for the decking has all been donated; the second portion is going to be a railing for pedestrian safety. Ironwork will be the third phase.

5. Xcel's decommissioning work in Maysville - Update (Jason)

Jason summarized this spring's scheduled decommissioning work at the dam which will be preceded by documentation and photography in support of future interpretive signage. The Board recapped the history of this decommissioning over the last few years. The structure sits on county land. Jason will gather a little more detailed background information including the fate of the water right that has been attached to the dam for that plant.

6. Byway Exchange - Japan visitors hosting plan for April 30 (Jason)

Jason was hoping to be available on that date to organize this as a lunch for the visitors hosted by CCHAAB and GARNA. He will forward the information to our members if we are able to arrange it. (NOTE from after meeting: this date conflicts with the Chaffee County Community Foundation annual summit which Jason and Andrea are attending all day).

7. Other Business:

-Next Mtg: Thursday, May 9, 12-1:30pm

Suzy noted that the 50th anniversary of the Heritage Museum in BV is this year! There will be a Founder's Ball in October and many other events through the summer that are being advertised in the local papers.

Art put in a plug for the Walt Dabney program at A Church on April 22 on the history of U.S. Public Lands, sponsored by GARNA.

8. Adjourn

Melanie moved and Kent seconded adjournment. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01pm.