

**WYOMING SHPO -- CLG ANNUAL REPORT FORM 2022 - 23**

**Due Date:** DECEMBER 31, 2023

**Report Inclusion Dates:** OCTOBER 1, 2022 through SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 (federal fiscal year)

**Format:** Please use the forms on the following pages to submit annual reports.


Please provide the following information with your Annual Report:

1. Signature page with signatures of all **NEWLY APPOINTED** commission members
2. Historic Preservation Commission Member Profile and Resume for all **NEWLY APPOINTED** commission members if not previously sent to SHPO.
3. An updated list of all staff support and commission members, indicating official titles or positions and current contact information. **Please highlight the Local Government and Board Contacts.**
4. A certified copy of the Certified Local Government's annual budget audit report or an explanation for why it is not being provided.
5. Copies of meeting minutes.
6. Documentation of training.
7. Description of all major accomplishments of the CLG commission during the federal fiscal year (10/1/22 to 9/30/23).

I verify that the information given in the annual report and evaluation documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Dawn Ballou, Secretary  
Preparer's Name & Title

12/23/2023  
Date

  
Signature

12/23/2023  
Date

Clint Gilchrist  
CLG Chair Signature

12/23/2023  
Date

  
Chief Elected Local Official Signature

1/16/2024  
Date

# CLG ANNUAL REPORT & EVALUATION DOCUMENTATION

## 1. MEETINGS

- Meetings are held in accordance with by-laws.  Yes  No
  - *Each meeting shall be open to the public.*
  - *Minutes from each meeting shall be made available for public access.*
- At least 6 meetings were held during the federal fiscal year.  Yes  No
- Copies of minutes for all meetings are attached or were previously sent to SHPO.  Yes  No

## 2. MEMBERS

- Commission vacancies were filled within 30 days  Yes  No  N/A
- Newly appointed members met federal standards.  Yes  No  N/A  
*"All Commission members must have a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge in historic preservation"- 36 CFR 61.6(e)(2)*
- Copies of resumes for newly appointed members are attached.  Yes  No  N/A

## 3. TRAINING

- Did CLG commission members receive training during the federal fiscal year?  Yes  No
- Is documentation of training attached?  Yes  No  N/A

## 4. FUNDING

- Has the CLG received NPS CLG grant funding during the federal fiscal year?  Yes  No
- If yes, were all programmatic and procedural requirements for the grant project followed?  Yes  No
- Has the CLG commission received funding from other sources?  Yes  No

## 5. NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

- Did the CLG commission support or pursue listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places?  Yes  No
- Did CLG commission review and comment on nominations to the National Register of Historic Places?  Yes  No
- Did the commission provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment on National Register nominations to their local constituency, including those instances when the CLG is the nominating party for properties within the jurisdiction of the local government?  Yes  No  N/A
- Did the CLG commission implement appropriate procedures for public comment and forward public comments to  Yes  No  N/A

SHPO for properties within its jurisdiction being nominated to the National Register?

- Did the chief elected official of the CLG transmit the report of the local commission regarding National Register nominations for property within the jurisdiction of the certified local government along with his/her recommendation directly to the SHPO?  Yes  No  N/A
- Are copies of the appropriate notification letters, public notices, minutes or other documentation attached?  Yes  No  N/A

#### 6. PROGRAM SUPPORT FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Does the local government provide the commission with at least a minimum of part time, paid staff assistance?  Yes  No
- Has the local government provided the commission any of the following? (check all that apply)  Yes  No
  - operational funding  support or assistance
  - use of their equipment, such as:
    - copiers
    - computers
    - office and meeting space
    - supplies, including paper, envelopes, and postage

#### 7. CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY

- During the Fiscal Year being reported, has the CLG commission conducted or supported additional surveys of cultural resources located within the jurisdiction of the CLG?  Yes  No
- During the Fiscal Year being reported, has the CLG commission gathered information on cultural resources within the jurisdiction of the CLG and advised government officials on historic preservation issues?  Yes  No
- Does the CLG commission maintain an organized compilation of information on properties that have been surveyed and evaluated within the jurisdiction of the certified local government?  Yes  No
- Has the local government provided a place to house the local inventory?  Yes  No  N/A

#### 8. PRESERVATION PLANNING

- Did the CLG or its commission take steps to protect properties significant to local residents through local designation?  Yes  No
- Did the CLG or its commission take any steps intended to protect resources identified in a survey?  Yes  No
- Did the CLG or its commission take any steps to incorporate historic preservation concepts into local planning?  Yes  No

initiatives?

- Did the CLG or its commission publicly recognize the significance of properties to attract tourists and other visitors interested in history and preservation?  Yes  No
- Has the CLG or its commission taken steps toward enacting any local ordinances or resolutions that enhance preservation within the jurisdiction of the local government?  Yes  No
- Has the CLG enforced appropriate local legislation for the designation and protection of historic properties?  Yes  No

## 9. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROMOTION

- Has the CLG commission served as a liaison with community residents to gain recognition for historic properties?  Yes  No
- Has the CLG commission provided opportunities for the CLG to pursue a formal role in historic preservation?  Yes  No
- Has the CLG commission informed people about the benefits of historic preservation, the commission, and its work?  Yes  No
- Has the CLG commission demonstrated a commitment to and an appreciation of local cultural resources by:  Yes  No

(Check all that apply)

- becoming more visible in the community
- dispelling myths about preservation
- promoting historic preservation activities
- establishing the credibility and trustworthiness of the commission
- protection of cultural resources
- garnering support and/or enthusiasm for historic preservation
- improvements in local appearance, the economic climate, or stimulating tourism

- Can the CLG commission demonstrate pursuit of sound preservation goals to make preservation an integral part of development and planning process that fits the needs, interests, and goals of local residents?  Yes  No
- Did the CLG commission sponsor or provide educational opportunities such as:  Yes  No

- workshops for its own commission members
- writing a regular preservation column for its local newspaper
- any of a variety of activities to promote and support historic preservation, if checked describe below:

**NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSION MEMBER  
SIGNATURE PAGE**

**NO NEW MEMBERS IN FY 2023**

We, the undersigned members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Historic Preservation Commission in \_\_\_\_\_, Wyoming, have read and are familiar with both the ordinance and bylaws of our commission.

SIGNED:

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## **Sublette County Historic Preservation Board – 2022-2023**

**Website:** <http://www.sublette.com/preservation>

### **Local Government Contact**

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### **Board Contact**

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## Sublette County

# Historic Preservation Board

Honor the Past, Enrich the Future

### Sublette County Historic Preservation Board (CLG) 2022-2023 Major Accomplishments

#### National Register

- **Big Sandy Lodge** – Nomination was completed and approved by the State Review Board in 2023. The field survey and research work was done in 2022. Held a public meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in the Pinedale Library board room regarding the nomination. A public notice ad was placed in the Pinedale Roundup newspaper and advertised on Pinedale Online. A NR presentation open house will be held in summer 2024.
- **Dunham Ranch** - Applied for and awarded SHPO bonus grant funds to pursue National Register nomination for the historic Dunham Ranch. Research field work was done summer of 2023. Nomination will be done over this winter, and presented in 2024. A public meeting will be held for public comment regarding this nomination.
- **Emerson Schoolhouse** – Applied for grant to research and complete nomination. Nomination to be completed in 2024.

#### Projects & Restoration

- **Bondurant Dipping Vat** – Installed erosion matting around the Dipping Vat. Coordinated with the Bridger-Teton National Forest to install a permanent fence around the structure and interpretive sign to protect from cattle damage. Worked with Sublette County Road & Bridge to have three directional the signs installed on the County road to indicate turn to the Dipping Vat.
- **Fire Lookouts – Deadline Ridge LO** - Continued maintenance including opening (remove shutters), general cleaning, touch-up painting, roof repair, and closing (install shutters). Monitored visitation through guest book. Work done in coordination with U.S. Forest Service using board and some public volunteers. CLG members did an oral interview with Ken Symes, 85 years old, who worked at Deadline Lookout as a youth.
- **Cemetery Preservation** – Grave marker plaques were made and installed for McKray, Webb and Silver Creek cemeteries. Coordinated with the Rock Springs BLM to install a protective fence around the Mack cemetery.
- **Olson Site:** Archaeological write-up was submitted to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in September. They concurred this site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). It is now SHPO project DBI\_WY\_2023\_403.

## Consultation & Comment

- **WyoTrack account:** Sublette CLG now has a WyoTrack account set up. The Eagle Bar and Olsen site projects have been switched over to the Sublette CLG account.
- **Fort Bonneville** – Aided Wyoming State Parks and Sublette County Historical Society on installation of new signs at this National Register site.
- **Monument Ridge Lookout (USFS)** – Board members attended a meeting with the Bridger-Teton National Forest and HistoriCorps in July to visit the lookout and discuss restoration work.

## Education

- **Lookouts (USFS)** – We created a large poster map of historic fire lookouts on the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Twelve posters were printed and framed and given to the USFS to put in the US Forest Service District offices on the Bridger-Teton and in some of their public rental buildings. Partial funding for printing and framing was provided by the Friends of the Bridger-Teton.
- **History Day** – We gave \$1000 to help support sending two local students to Washington DC for nationals in History Day this year.
- **Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame Video Project** – We approved \$1500 towards the video interviewing of this year's three Sublette County inductees and families. Cost is \$500 per video.

## Sublette County Audit

- Sublette County posts Financial Reports on their website <http://sublettewyo.org> – Home > Departments > County Clerk > Accounting Office > Budgets & Financial Statements
- The 2022 audit is posted. 2023 audit will be posted when completed.
- June 30, 2022 Financial Statement:  
<http://sublettewyo.org/DocumentCenter/View/4463/Financial-Statement-6-30-2022>
- Sublette County Budget and Financial Statements can be found here:  
<http://sublettewyo.org/495/Budgets-Financial-Statements>

## CLG Board Members

This board currently has seven members. There were no new members for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Four board members whose terms were expiring all reapplied and were reappointed by the County Commissioners. Board members are represented by two professional archaeologists, the executive director of the Museum of the Mountain Man, the curator of the Museum of the Mountain Man, the retired manager of the Upper Green River Valley Cemetery District, a long-time area veterinarian, and the editor of a local online news media publication. The longest serving board member has been on since 1997. The newest member has been on since 2019. Members are from Pinedale and Big Piney. Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (except December), alternating between Pinedale and Marbleton/Big Piney. All meetings are open to the public. We have had public attend six of our ten meetings this year, including a journalist for the local newspaper (who wrote an article) and an interested private citizen who has attended 5 meetings during the year and helped with some CLG projects.



**Sublette County Historic Preservation Board (CLG)**  
**2023 Members**

Board members serve three year terms and vacant seats are appointed by Sublette County Commissioners in January each year or as needed to fill vacated seats. The board can have 7-11 members. For 2023, there are 7 members:

Clint Gilchrist, President: Term 2023-2025. Member since 1997 (July).

PO Box 662, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-4101, [clint@sublette.com](mailto:clint@sublette.com)

Executive Director – Sublette County Historical Society / Museum of the Mountain Man

Dave Vlcek, Vice-President: Term 2022-2024. Member since 2013 (January).

PO Box 184, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-231-9067, [davev69@live.com.mx](mailto:davev69@live.com.mx)

Archaeologist – Bonneville Archeology

Dawn Ballou, Secretary: Term 2022-2024. Member since 2012 (July).

PO Box 2250, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-360-7689, [dawn@pinedaleonline.com](mailto:dawn@pinedaleonline.com)

Editor - PinedaleOnline.com

Bob Beiermann: Term 2023-2025. Member since 2012 (July).

PO Box 783, Big Piney, WY 83113, 307-276-5444, [oxdoc@centurytel.net](mailto:oxdoc@centurytel.net)

Veterinarian – Western Veterinarian Services

Carmel Kail: Term 2021-2023. Member since 2015 (January).

PO Box 684, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-3058, [kail@wyoming.com](mailto:kail@wyoming.com)

Archaeologist – Kail Consulting

Don Schooley: Term 2023-2025. Member since 2017 (January)

PO Box 350, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-2531, [dmedwe1@gmail.com](mailto:dmedwe1@gmail.com)

Retired Manager - Upper Green River Cemetery District

Andrea Lewis: Term 2023 – 2025. Member since 2019 (September)

PO Box 1171, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-4101, [curator@mmmuseum.com](mailto:curator@mmmuseum.com)

Curator – Sublette County Historical Society / Museum of the Mountain Man

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
Certified Local Government (CLG)  
Regular board meeting  
Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022  
Southwest Sublette County Pioneers Senior Center  
Marbleton, Wyoming

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Andrea Lewis, Carmel Kail, Don Schooley

**Board members not present:** Dave Vlcek (VP), Bob Beiermann

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00PM by President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review minutes** of September 27, 2022 regular board meeting  
**MOTION:** By Carmel to accept minutes as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. USFS
  - a) **Resource Advisory Committee:** USFS and BLM are both advertising for potential members for their RACs. Clint and Bob are interested in applying for USFS. Deadline to apply is November 15, 2022.
  - b) **USFS Map Displays:** Carmel has been talking with USFS offices about putting up fire lookout historic maps in their offices. We are interested in the history purpose. Some have expressed more interest in advertising rentals not close to the park. They are thinking about where to hang them. They would like a letter size handout version. Concern that wouldn't be very legible. Get to them by next spring?
  - c) **GP Bar Booklet:** Carmel has created a second scrapbook based on information from a lady who lived there as a child. Great stories and pictures. Hoping USFS will make the color copies of it. Would like 4 copies (including a file copy for our records). Also a digital version put on our CLG webpage on Sublette.com.
3. **Eagle Bar:** Carmel will do a site form for it this winter. Not sure when built, late 1920s? Built by tie hacks? Advertising in newspapers started in the 1940s, which means it isn't 100 years old. It is in Lincoln County, maybe their assessor has more data on it and a build date.
4. **Project Updates**
  - a) **Lookouts** – Deadline, Monument, Prospect: Bob not here today, not sure if he got up to Deadline to close up for winter. We want to keep bringing these up to USFS about restoring others since they are the only two left that are realistically salvageable.
  - b) **Graves** – Mack Cemetery: Carmel talked with Morgan Robbins who did the site form for Mack Cemetery, BLM will fence. Jonita Sommers got a lot of information for the site form.
  - c) **Big Sandy Lodge:** Mary Humstone is working on the National Register nomination. She is still doing research. She needs to give us a report after the first of the year. Should be an easy nomination to go through.
  - d) **Fort Bonneville:** Sublette County Historical Society has put a fence in surrounding their newly acquired part on the north end of the fort location. That portion is now owned by the SCHS and the State of Wyoming owns the main part. The whole fort site should be protected now. The State has the new signs. They had planned on redoing the parking lot, but had to get land ownership straightened out. That has taken 8 years to finally get done. Need to restart the

whole conversation. Most of the people who were originally involved are gone now. Funding for project also probably gone. This may be the first structure built west of the Continental Divide in Wyoming. Would like to see some more archaeology done. Concern about looting.

e) **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** We'll see if there are erosion issues in the spring. Need to put in the fence and permanent sign frame.

5. **Dormant Projects:** Nothing new to report. Should we remove some of these things off our list? The BLM should be getting two more archaeology people on board. USFS/Pinedale has a new archaeologist. We want to get to know these people. What about **Holden Hill?** D-Stretch work? **Big Sandy Fish Dams** take off list? Possibility of a University of Wyoming graduate student taking on doing the **Pinedale Skeletons** as a grad project?
  - **Olson site:** We learned that the Olson ranch has sold. The Olson family retained 200 acres on the east side of the river that includes the east side of the old island across from New Fork Park. New owner likes history. They now own the Bertrum homestead north of the park. Not sure of their plans for those old structures.
6. **Other Business**
  - Don commented that the person who was going to show him the location of the **Granite Creek petroglyphs** has died. What should we do about Bull Creek site? There supposedly is a trail that goes up the creek. The cliff faces are 3-4 miles in. Bear country.
  - **Lincoln County CLG:** Andrea is on the Executive Committee for the Wyoming State Historical Society. Kemmerer has a CLG – mostly focused on Kemmerer. Work on connections with them for projects? They have a historical society, has a great website.
7. **Next meeting:** November 22, 2022, Pinedale Library board room, 3:00PM

**MOTION** to adjourn by Andrea at 4:15PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don.

Thank you to Andrea for bringing snacks!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
Certified Local Government (CLG)  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022  
Pinedale Library

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (VP), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Don Schooley, Andrea Lewis, Bob Beiermann, Carmel Kail – all members present

**Guests present via Zoom:** Jonita Sommers, Liz Lynch (BLM Pinedale)

Thank you to Bob Beiermann for bringing cookies and water

**Meeting called to order at 3:05PM** by President Clint Gilchrist

1. **Minutes of October 25, 2022 regular meeting**

Andrea commented that the Wyoming State Historical Society is now called the Wyoming Historical Society

**MOTION** by Carmel Kail to accept minutes of October 25, 2022 regular board meeting as presented, noting wording correction for Wyoming Historical Society. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Schooley. Unanimous, motion passes.

2. **Member terms expiring:** Board members whose terms are ending in December 2022 are Clint, Bob, Don and Andrea. If want to continue on the board, will need to send a letter of application to County Clerk Carrie Long. The Commissioners will make board appointments at their January 2023 meeting. There is no application form. We have 7 board members and can have up to 11.

3. **Annual Report:** Clint has prepared our draft report for the State. It needs to be signed by the County Commissioners at their December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. **Graves:** Don commented that the Cemetery District is in the process of updating their website. He is making plaques for the Webb Cemetery. There are 5 graves. He was uncertain as to where they were at. He has wited them already. The Parkinson Cemetery graves are marked, but it isn't fenced in yet. The private landowners changed managers. The Mack Cemetery graves are marked. Rock Springs BLM has a fence proposal. They have done a report and a site form. They are asking our thoughts on what kind of fence to put in. Has to be able to keep out sheep, cattle, and donkeys. Jonita said Pete Arambel said he would build it. Don't want metal posts, prefer wood with a top rail. The baby is a relation to Joni and Victor Mack. Old Vic is a brother to the baby. Fence needs to not be a maintenance nightmare. One of the headstones is broken. Cemetery is on BLM, but Pete Arambel owns the land all around it. Bob and/or Don will talk to the Mack family about it.

5. **Project Updates**

a) **Lookouts:** Bob reported that the shutters are back up on Deadline Lookout. He said the roof needs some more work-some shingles are blowing off on the northwest corner. The door got locked somehow, they were able to unlock it and fix it so can't be locked. Want for people to be able to get in. That must have happened at the end of August, so we lost visitation for September and October. The logs look ok, roof might need paint touch up.

Carmel commented that "HistoriCorps" group is doing some restoration on five lookouts. She sent an email connecting with them. Need to have someone to spearhead projects. Liz Lynch has worked with them before and will talk with them. We will keep finding ways to keep bringing attention to it and hope can get traction to get these fixed and restored.

b) **Big Sandy Lodge National Register Nomination:** Still being researched, have some new maps scanned for the contractor. Draft nomination should be to us after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

c) **Fort Bonneville:** Hope signs get up next spring. The new piece of ground donated to the Sublette County Historical Society by the Paravicini family has been fenced. Possibility of more archaeology? Magnetometer work? New signs likely will go between the big wood sign and the rock. There is a MOU with the State and the Sublette County Historical Society to jointly manage the site. Dave mentioned wanting to cut more willows along the ditch. Several years ago the State allocated \$35,000 to redo the parking lot approach. That funding probably is gone now since they had issues with the property lines that had to be straightened out first. If we can come up with a plan, we can propose it.

d) **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Waiting for spring to see what erosion might occur around the structure that might need fixing or addressing. Will need to replace the sign base with a permanent one. Also need road signs. Dawn will design and get with County on it. They will install. Did Johnny drill the drainage holes on top of the boiler? Jack it up so won't collect water? We will check it once snow off next year. It is under 8" of snow now.

- Liz Lynch needs to leave meeting. She asked about the Pinedale Skeletons and if there was anything else related to the Pinedale BLM to get her info on. Dave will get her info on the Pinedale Skeletons. Liz left meeting at 4:00PM.

e) **Eagle Bar Site Form:** Carmel has done some research on the Genetti family. Herman's Howlings book, Branches & Twigs, Tale of Two Towns. 1923ish info. Tie hacks showed up and danced on the wooden floor.

#### 6. **Dormant Projects**

a) **Emerson Schoolhouse:** Brooks Mitchell is working on his documentary and getting winter shots. We hope to have an open house sometime next year.

f) **Big Sandy Reservoir:** Dave Vlcek had dinner with Zack from the Bureau of Reclamation. Dave asked for proposals for history and archaeology. There won't be any interpretive signs.

#### 7. **Other Business:**

- **Trappers Point:** Dave Vlcek commented that he filed a grievance with WAPA regarding how WYDOT handled the building of the wildlife overpass. The south approach touched on a National Register eligible site. Buried cultural material was found before they built the overpass project 12 years ago. WYDOT has a programmatic agreement that we missed the comment period for. We would like to be kept informed and make sure we are on their contact list for future comment periods and get a copy of their next draft to make comments on archaeology stuff.

Dave is concerned how WYDOT will handle cultural resources in their programmatic agreement.

- **Carmel has a picture of the Sherman Guard Station** prior to when the fence went in, 1930s. Privately owned photo, colorized. If the family doesn't want the photo, we'd like a copy of it.

- **Jonita commented on the McCray family graves** on homestead in Lincoln County. Baby grave and male child 10-12 years old. Hansen kids. Jonita has done some research. Don Schooley will make the headstone. This is on the Hunt property in Lincoln County.

#### 8. **Next meeting:** January 24, 2023, Pinedale Library. No meeting in December.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Andrea. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. 4:30PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
Certified Local Government  
Regular Board meeting  
Pinedale Library  
January 24, 2023

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (Vice President), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Don Schooley, Carmel Kail, Andrea Lewis

**Board members not present:** Bob Beiermann

Meeting called to order at 3:04PM by Clint Gilchrist.

**Note:** There was no board meeting in December 2022.

1. **Minutes of November 22, 2022 regular board meeting**

**Severel corrections:** (1): Andrea, not Carmel, made the comment about the new name for the Wyoming State Historical Society. (5a): Correction on spelling for HistoriCorps. (7 Graves): Don commented he thought the family name is spelled McCray.

**MOTION** by Dave to approve minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea. Unanimous, motion passes.

2. **CLG Annual Report:** Clint said the required annual report has been submitted to the State. It was reviewed by the County Administrator and was signed by the County Commissioners. A copy is included in today's paperwork for the record.

3. **New members and officers:** Clint, Don, Bob and Andrea all reapplied to be on the board and were reappointed by the County Commissioners at their meeting earlier in January. There are no new members. We have seven board members.

**Officers:**

**MOTION** by Carmel to keep same slate of officers as last year, if willing. Those are Clint Gilchrist as President, Dave Vlcek as Vice President, Dawn Ballou as Secretary. All are willing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Schooley. Unanimous, motion carries. We do have open seats on the board if anyone knows anyone who might be interested in serving.

4. **2023 meeting schedule:**

**MOTION** by Carmel to keep same schedule as in years past; alternating between Pinedale and Big Piney/Marbleton meeting locations the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 3:00PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Unanimous, motion passes. Dates will be:

Tuesday, February 28: Marbleton

Tuesday, March 28: Pinedale

Tuesday, April 25: Marbleton

Tuesday, May 23: Pinedale

Tuesday, June 27: Marbleton

Tuesday, July 25: Pinedale

Tuesday, August 22: Marbleton

Tuesday, September 26: Pinedale

Tuesday, October 24: Marbleton

Tuesday, November 28: Pinedale

No CLG meeting in December

Dawn will double check with Pinedale Library to reserve the board room for Pinedale meetings, and Southwest Sublette County Pioneers Senior Center for Marbleton meetings.

5. **Bonus Grants:** The State has some additional money available for grants. The new application date is March 15, 2023. We already have an active grant (for Big Sandy Lodge National Register research and nomination), but that doesn't prevent us from requesting another. Ideas? BELCO National Register? Need to ask new owners if they are interested. Carmel will ask someone with the company. Carmel suggested a thematic inventory project surveying dude ranches in Sublette County.
6. **Ranch National Register nominations:** Clint said Tara Miller is interested in getting some of the area old ranches on the National Register, especially the Dunham Ranch. She is willing to do some of the background research. Clint will send her information about the National Register and what to do; Park Service guidelines. Carmel said the Dunham Ranch needs a site form. The Beck Ranch has been determined eligible. Do we want to do NRs on private property? Carmel commented it would be nice to get something in south Sublette County, like the Brick District or Big Piney Town Hall. Other suggestions: Green River Valley Museum's new building the old Texaco station; south County archaeological sites; Sommers medicine wheel; Harrower site by Calpet? Carmel will start working on a list of the historic old dude/guest ranches. We have some information already on the Dunham Ranch we can give to Tara. Relook at the 1980 survey list done by Rosenberg. We will talk about this again at our February meeting.
7. **Project Updates:**
  - a) **Lookouts:** Have to let USFS Tani know we plan to work on the Deadline Lookout roof this summer. Carmel mentioned that Big Piney Ranger Brooks will talk with HistoriCorps people later in February. US Forest Service needs to take the lead and responsibility for Lookout projects on National Forest land.
  - b) **Big Sandy Lodge National Register Nomination:** The deadline to get the first draft of the report from our contractor is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Our next meeting is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Clint will email them for an update. State Review Board meets in June.
  - c) **Graves:** Don said he thinks Old Victor Mack is a nephew, not brother to whomever is buried there. Don said the Mack Cemetery has 3 graves: baby Mack, Ole Mack (froze to death), Smith (died digging a water well). Jonita information: The Haywards owned the cemetery. It is not currently marked, but will be soon with the new grave markers Don has made. Victor Mack is ok with whatever we want for the Mack Cemetery. There is a cracked marble headstone. Carmel will keep in contact with BLM and find out when they will install the fence, which will keep livestock out. Then we can go in and fix the broken headstone. There are two marble headstones dated prior to 1910. Webb Cemetery on Horse Creek might have multiple babies buried there. Don presented a bill from Blue & Gold Engraving for grave plaques. Thank you to Don Schooley for doing so much to protect these rural graves and cemeteries.  
**MOTION** by Dave to pay Blue & Gold Engraving \$42.00 for cemetery grave plaques. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea. Unanimous, motion passes.
  - d) **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Waiting for weather to improve to do more up there.
  - e) **Fort Bonneville Historic Site:** The State is waiting for improved weather to install the new signs. Clint will ask them where the signs are and if the State has bases.
  - f) **Eagle Bar:** Nothing new to report.

8. **Dormant Projects**

f) **Big Sandy Reservoir enlargement:** Dave asked Bureau of Rec about outsourcing the history research – no reply yet.

9. **Other Business**

- **WYDOT/SHPO Programmatic Agreement:** There has apparently been no progress on it. Clint will write and ask if there has been any follow-up.

10. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 3:00PM, Marbleton Senior Center. Note: The Marbleton Senior Center will be doing some inside remodeling soon affecting the Veterans Board Room, but they have other meeting space in the building we can use.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary



Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
Certified Local Government  
Regular Board meeting  
Southwest Sublette County Pioneers Senior Center  
Marbleton, Wyoming  
February 28, 2023

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (Vice President), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Don Schooley, Carmel Kail, Bob Beiermann – quorum present

**Board members not present:** Andrea Lewis

Meeting called to order at 3:02PM by Clint Gilchrist.

**1. Review Minutes of January 24, 2023 regular board meeting.**

Correction to #8, “Dorman” should be “Dormant” Projects

**MOTION:** Dave move to accept minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Unanimous, motion passes.

**2. SHPO Bonus Grants:** Requests must be in to the State by March 15. Carmel has done some research on old dude ranches in the county. Some have been recorded and some have site numbers. Suggested a possibility of doing a thematic survey of old dude ranches? Could update the 1985 Rosenberg site forms? Gather historical info, scan old advertising material, update info. BELCO in Bi Piney said no when asked about National Register listing. Another suggestion was recording the Dunham Ranch. Owner Tara Miller is interested. Was featured on the TV program Amazing Race on CBS about 7-10 years ago. Do we spend County funds for NR on private land? It was a 1920s vintage post office and voting precinct. We could get it recorded first then get an eligibility evaluation. Carmel will help write the grant request.

**MOTION:** By Dave we pursue National Register nomination for Dunham Ranch using bonus grant funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Unanimous, motion passes.

Further discussion: We can consider doing dude ranches later as a survey. Do some background work and see what is important for a possible more in-depth project. Commercial hunting camps, US Forest Service permit documents, could be a multi-year project. We will discuss more next month when we talk about budgets. Clint will get on the Commissioners schedule so they can approve the grant request for Dunham Ranch proposal.

**3. Big Sandy Lodge National Register Nomination:** Deadline is tomorrow (March 1, 2023) to get their draft report to us. We will do a formal review at our next meeting in ~~February~~ March. We need to advertise this meeting publicly. The State review meeting is in June, date not set yet. We have to get the report to them 35 days in advance of their meeting.

**4. Lookouts:** Bob said there is still about 9 feet of snow up at Deadline Lookout right now. Carmel wants to make a poster map of the Bridger-Teton National Forest lookout locations. She has contacted Madison Mitchell of Friends of the Bridger-Teton and they have said they can help make the maps. Estimated cost of \$700 to print and frame. Maps made by Madison on computer, printed at Office Outlet, final framed with glass by David Klaren. Carmel has frames. Need maps printed and glass for frames, about a dozen copies. These will go in the USFS District offices on the Bridger-Teton and in some of the rental buildings. Can our CLG contribute towards this cost?

**MOTION:** by Dave we allocate \$300 to David Klaren for finishing the framing of the lookout maps. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Unanimous, motion passes.

**5. Big Piney CCC Camp:** Clint said he was contacted by a man from Ohio who said his Dad was at the Big Piney CCC camp. He has pictures of his Dad and the camp. One picture is of South Piney side camp – Clint thinks is in Snider Basin. Carmel found a site form. The area was burned over in a fire – might not be anything left. There were 20 buildings at one time. This would be a good summer field trip for us. Kail Consulting did survey work there years ago when archaeologist Dave Crowley was working for them. Location is about 5 miles from Pam Chrisman’s turn off, up a draw, south side of a creek, about 1-1/2 mile from USFS boundary, on BLM. This crew may have built the USFS/BLM boundary fence. Built Snider Basin Guard Station? Also did timbering? The main camp is where BELCO was in Big Piney. This was a side camp.

#### **6. Project Updates:**

**a) Graves:** Don has all the plaques made for McKray and Webb ~~ee. Meteries~~ cemeteries. Will get blocks and then will put in sometime this summer. Board members would like to go out and see these old cemeteries sometime. Some on private land, some public, some have to go through private to get to public land. Some landowners have or may change hands. Dave will check with Morgan with Rock Springs BLM to see status of the fence project for Mack cemetery, when will it get put in?

**b) Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Waiting for summer.

**c) Fort Bonneville Historic Site:** State will install the new signs this summer. Clint will talk with the State about their future plans for the site.

**d) Eagle Bar:** Carmel working on it a bit. Is in La Barge, in Lincoln County. Built 1927ish. More than just a bar, was used for community events.

#### **7. Dormant Projects**

**a) Emerson Schoolhouse:** Hope to have an open house sometime this summer. Will coincide with Brooks Mitchell’s new video. Sublette County Historical Society will spearhead that.

**b) Big Sandy Reservoir enlargement:** Dave said the Bureau of Rec plans to sub out their archaeology research. Molly Cannon will do. There will be a spring kick-off meeting, we’re invited.

#### **8. Other Business:**

1. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 3:00PM, Pinedale Library board room. Note: This will also be our public meeting regarding the Big Sandy Lodge National Register nomination. We will put an ad in the Pinedale Roundup for public notice.

**MOTION:** To adjourn by Carmel, 4:30PM

Thank you to Bob Beiermann for refreshments from the Senior Center!

**Reminder for Clint:** About 4-5 months ago a man named Ken Symes emailed Clint, said he was a lookout at Deadline for one summer when he was a kid. He has info and is writing things up. He grew up in Pinedale. His dad had a soda shop. He worked at Deadline one summer just after graduating. He doesn’t live around here anymore. Clint will check back on this.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary

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To run once, in the March 24, 2023 Pinedale Roundup.

Small box display ad – Please send me a proof before running, plus a cost.

Contact: Dawn Ballou, Secretary, Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
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Sublette County Historic Preservation Board (CLG)  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28, 2023  
Pinedale Library Board Room  
Meeting Minutes

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (Vice President), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Bob Beiermann, Don Schooley, Andrea Lewis, Carmel Kail – all board members present

**Guest on Zoom:** Andrea Graham with Humstone Consulting, representing the Big Sandy Lodge National Register contract project

**Public present:** Joy Ufford, Pinedale Roundup/Sublette Examiner

Meeting called to order at 3:00PM by President Clint Gilchrist.

- 1. Review minutes** of February 28, 2023 regular board meeting

**Corrections:** #3 Big Sandy Lodge, our formal review will be at our March meeting not February. #4 Lookouts, the frames already have glass. #6 Project updates: the word cemeteries is misspelled with a period in the middle of it.

**MOTION:** by Dave to accept minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Unanimous, motion passes.
- 2. Big Sandy Lodge – National Register project – Public Hearing**

Andrea Graham on Zoom. Clint thanked them for their work on the project. Andrea said they had a great time doing it and the owners were enthusiastic. Carmel asked about a better scan of the old Forest Service maps. Andrea will check to see if someone can scan maps that large. These are early Forest Service maps of the Big Sandy Lodge layout. Carmel suggested they add some more info from the Thomas family, early brochures and photos to append to the document. Clint will send the documents to Andrea along with Carmel's suggestions. Joy Ufford commented she liked the idea of those things being added and made publicly available so reporters have that material when writing their stories. Clint said the Forest Service has had a chance to review it, also the Morris family, and SHPO. They all had only minor changes.

**MOTION:** by Dave to recommend moving the nomination on to the State with the additions discussed today.

**Discussion:** It needs to be in to the State by May 4<sup>th</sup>, 35 days in advance of their June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Andrea Lewis and Mary Humstone will be at that June meeting. Carmel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous, motion passes.

Public hearing ended 3:25PM.
- 3. Dave Vlcek asked to amend the agenda to jump to the Olson Site item.** Dave is not feeling well today. He has the Olsen site paperwork ready for recording, needs to scan the photographs. He will have it to us soon. Carmel said it can be uploaded to WYOTracker when ready. The Fish and Wildlife Service plans to do some bank work this summer on the New Fork River near there. Right now there is nothing on the official record about this site. The Forest Service will have to require NEPA work before any bank work is done. We would like to get that information uploaded.

Dave left meeting 3:35PM.
- 4. Dunham Ranch – National Register project**

Carmel wrote the grant request, Clint took it before the County Commissioners. We haven't

heard yet if it was approved. Joy Ufford asked where the ranch is located? South Cottonwood Creek, Dunham Road. It was built in the teens. We will have to move fast to get a contractor to do the work.

5. **Project Updates**

a) **Lookouts:** Still under 9 feet of snow. Monument LO still salvageable, needs better foundation and some roof repair, windows put in. Carmel commented the Big Piney Ranger District has talked about getting HistoriCorp up there to fix it up.

b) **Olson Site:** already discussed

c) **Graves:** Waiting for summer and dry ground. Don will get the plaques mounted.

d) **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Dawn will talk with Sublette County Road and Bridge about signs and get a price. Road & Bridge will install for us.

e) **Fort Bonneville:** Clint has talked with the State about the interpretive signs. They will be installed this summer.

f) **Eagle Bar:** Carmel – nothing new to report.

6. **Dormant Projects**

a) **Emerson Schoolhouse** - documentary and open house

b) **Holden Hill** – Drucker project

c) **Pinedale Skeletons**

d) **New Fork Bridge Survey**

e) **Big Sandy** – Reservoir enlargement

f) **Beaver Slide**

g) **Green River Drift Fence**

Joy Ufford asked about some of these projects and what they are about.

7. **Other Business**

- Don Schooley commented he knew the man who said he was at Deadline Lookout. His father was Ken Seims. Don said it was Ken's uncle who had the Soda Shop in Pinedale, not the Dad. It was on the east side of Kit Carson's post office in Pinedale. The son lives in Bellingham, Washington, graduated in '56 with Don's brother. Would be about 85 now. His Dad was career Forest Service, his mother was a teacher at the Boulder School.

- Bob mentioned he found an old sign for "Willie's Sinclair" – north of Big Piney, by Eiden's.

8. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Marbleton Senior Center, 3:00PM.

**MOTION:** by Andrea to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmel. 4:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Ballou, Secretary

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board (CLG)  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
Marbleton Senior Center  
Meeting Minutes

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (Vice President), Bob Beiermann, Don Schooley, Carmel Kail.

**Board members absent:** Dawn Ballou, Andrea Lewis

**Public present:** Guest Cal from Bondurant and now Big Piney.

Meeting called to order at 3:00PM by President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review minutes** of March 28, 2023 regular board meeting  
**MOTION:** by Dave to accept minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. **Big Sandy Lodge – National Register project**  
State review board meeting to be held in Saratoga on June 9. Mary Humstone & Andrea Graham will attend on behalf of the nomination.  
**MOTION:** by Carmel pay \$117 Pinedale Roundup ad announcing public hearing for Big Sandy Lodge nomination. Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous, motion passes.
3. **Dunham Ranch – National Register project**  
Grant for \$5,000 approved by SHPO. Still have to complete contract, but got permission to send out Request for Proposal. Fifty cultural resources specialists emailed on April 20. So far we have interest from 5. Deadline for proposals is May 14. Will review proposals at next meeting.
4. **Bondurant Dipping Vat**  
Still waiting for snow to clear. Dawn drafted graphics for two directional signs that Road & Bridge will install if we buy the signs.  
**MOTION:** Dave moved to spend up to \$200 for two directional signs. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Unanimous, motion passes.
5. **FY2024 Budget**  
Clint presented a budget for \$15,250, the same as last year. No real justification for increase. We estimate about \$9,956 unspent from this year of which \$5,000 may be used for Dunham Ranch nomination if contractor is hired before June 30.  
**MOTION:** Dave motion to approve budget as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Unanimous, motion passes.
6. **Restoration Road – HGTV program** looking for restoration projects that have funding and a timeline that they can film. Maybe monument ridge, but not ready yet. Can revisit when project ready.
7. **Project Updates**
  - a) **Olson Site:** Dave has site form ready, but needs shape files. Carmel recommends asking Steve Sutter at SHPO for help. Ask Dawn if she has photos of Dave working on the site. Carmel recommends we get a WyoTRACK account for board projects instead of using personal accounts. Carmel will ask if Sublette CLG can get an account.
  - b) **Lookouts:** Deadline roof will need new shingles. Bob will need scaffolding. Might need paint touch up. We will schedule a work day in August or September. Carmel reports BT Friends no longer have staff to do map graphics. Have to wait until next year or see if Dawn will do the

graphics and get maps done this summer. Alliance for Historic Wyoming has a zoom call on May 3 to discuss using Historicorp on South Pass. Someone should attend to introduce ourselves and projects. Carmel will email details. Bob mentioned May is Historic Preservation month and maybe we should do something like newspaper articles?

c) **Graves:** Waiting for summer and dry ground. Stones are ready.

**MOTION:** Moved by Dave to reimburse Don \$13.59 for pavers. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmel. Unanimous, motion passes.

d) **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Carmel will email FS asking who is doing fencing. Don says UG Cemetery District has erosion control maps we can use.

e) **Fort Bonneville:** Signs to be installed this summer. No schedule set.

f) **Eagle Bar:** Carmel is almost done with site form. Will email when ready for review.

8. **Dormant Projects**

a) **Emerson Schoolhouse**

b) **Holden Hill** – Drucker project

c) **Pinedale Skeletons**

d) **New Fork Bridge Survey**

e) **Big Sandy** – Reservoir enlargement

f) **Beaver Slide**

g) **Green River Drift Fence**

9. **Other Business**

Have not heard back from Ken Symes who was going to write about his experience in Deadline Lookout in early 1950s. Don will try to find a phone number.

10. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023 at Pinedale Library, 3:00PM.

**MOTION:** Adjourn 4:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clint Gilchrist, Backup Secretary

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board (CLG)  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 23, 2023  
Pinedale Library Board Room  
Meeting Minutes

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (Vice President), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Bob Beiermann, Andrea Lewis, Carmel Kail

**Board members not present:** Don Schooley

**Public present:** Calvin Thompson

Meeting called to order at 3:05PM by President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review minutes** of April 25, 2023 regular board meeting (minutes taken by Clint)  
**MOTION:** by Dave to accept minutes as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. **Dunham Ranch– National Register project – Request for Proposals**  
No bids were received to do this project. Our budget was \$10,000. Ann Noble said she would be interested in doing it for the \$10,000.  
**MOTION:** by Dave to hire Ann Noble to do the National Register nomination research for the Dunham Ranch project for \$10,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea. Unanimous, motion passes.  
Further discussion: Ann would like \$5,000 up front.  
**MOTION** by Bob to approve half payment of \$5,000 to Ann Noble up front and another \$5,000 at the end of the project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Unanimous, motion passes.  
Note for file: We sent the RFP to about 50 cultural resource professionals. No one bid. Several said they couldn't do it for \$10,000.
3. **History Day.** Mitch Irrigag is asking for help with funds to send students who are going to Washington DC for History Day Nationals. He is trying to raise \$10,000. 6 kids are going, plus chaperones. The Museum Board has already given \$4,000. He would like us to give \$4,000.  
**MOTION** by Dave we offer \$1000 for History Day Washington DC trip for this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea.  
**Discussion:** Sentiment of the Board is that this not become a regular thing to request money from our board for this. Would like the students themselves to participate in the asking process and help do their own fundraising.  
**Vote:** Bob opposed, rest aye. Motion passes.  
**MOTION:** By Andrea that we raise our CLG budget by \$1500 this year for sponsorships. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Unanimous, motion passes.  
Our desire is to move this to budget discussions for the Museums for next year.
4. **Cowboy Hall of Fame–** Video project  
The State does videos of inductees and families. Cost is \$500 per video. There were 3 nominees this year for Sublette County. Cost \$1,500.  
**MOTION** by Bob to approve \$1500 contribution towards Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame videos for Sublette County inductees. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. Unanimous, motion passes.
5. **WyoTrack account** We want to get a log in account for our CLG Board. Carmel and Dave are already in their system.



**MOTION** by Bob to apply for a WyoTrack account for our Sublette CLG. Andrea 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous, motion passes.

6. **Big Sandy Lodge** Meeting for State on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will owe Mary Humstone \$5,000 once Big Sandy Lodge National Register nomination approved. Will come from next year's budget. State grant reimbursement will come from next year's budget. The report needs to be turned in earlier.
7. **USFS Maps** Carmel reported the big maps are being framed. There are 12 total. 7 are of the Bridger-Teton National Forest fire lookouts and 5 are for the guard station rentals.  
Note: Calvin and Bob Beiermann would also like copies of these maps
8. **Project Updates**
  - a) **Lookouts:** Bob reported Deadline is still under snowdrifts. Carmel said Friends of the Bridger-Teton would pay for Historicorps to visit Monument lookout. A TV program called Restoration Road might be another option for promotion.
  - b) **Olson Site:** Dave sent file notes to SHPO for a shape file. Trying to get a site number.
  - c) **Graves:** No report.
  - d) **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Cattle go into the area June 10<sup>th</sup>. Need fence put in before then – cattle will rub on our sign and also might damage boiler vat. Clint will contact Katherine Bond and talk to her about it. The road signs were approved last week, up to \$200. Dawn will contact Sublette Road and Bridge and ask if they will make for us and put in.
  - e) **Fort Bonneville:** Clint will follow up on this, offer our volunteer labor to plant the new signs.
  - f) **Eagle Bar:** Carmel would like for the Board to visit this site, perhaps before our next meeting in Big Piney? Carmel is trying to find someone else who knows more about the building. Board will meet at Eagle Bar at 1:00PM, then go to Big Piney Library for meeting at 3PM.
9. **Dormant Projects**
  - a) **Emerson Schoolhouse** - Clint reported that Brooks Mitchell, who was working on a documentary of the Emerson schoolhouse, recently passed away. He had the documentary almost done. Some friends will work on finishing it.
  - b) **Holden Hill** – Nothing new to report
  - c) **Pinedale Skeletons** – Nothing new to report
  - d) **New Fork Bridge Survey** – Nothing new to report
  - e) **Big Sandy** – Nothing new to report
  - f) **Beaver Slide** – Nothing new to report
  - g) **Green River Drift Fence** – Nothing new to report
10. **Other Business**
11. **Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 27th, 2023, 1:00PM meet at Eagle Bar in LaBarge to look at the building. Board meeting at 3:00PM at the Big Piney Library meeting room.  
Note: Dawn will not be able to attend this meeting. Andrea will take notes.

**MOTION:** by Bob to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave. 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary

## **Sublette County Historic Preservation Board (CLG)**

### **Regular meeting minutes**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

### **Big Piney Library, Big Piney, Wyoming**

**Note:** Board members stopped by the Eagle Bar in LaBarge prior to this meeting to meet with the owners, look around, and take pictures. Purpose was for a first-hand look to make an evaluation regarding historical significance. Present for the tour were Clint, Andrea, Carmel, Dave, Dawn – board members, and Calvin Thompson (public).

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (VP), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Andrea Lewis, Carmel Kail, Don Schooley, Bob Beiermann (all present)

**Public present:** Calvin Thompson

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00PM by President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review minutes** of May 23, 2023 regular board meeting: Carmel commented on 8a-Lookouts, sentence that says, “A TV program called Restoration Road might be another option” should be modified to read better as “A TV program called Restoration Road might be another option for promotion.”  
**MOTION** by Carmel to approve as amended. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. **Eagle Bar:** Board members visited the bar before this meeting. It is the oldest continuous business in the same building in LaBarge. The structure is mostly the same. The bar has been there over over 100 years. It is historically significant. It is in Lincoln County, but we feel we can make a recommendation that we feel it is eligible. National Register nomination is a stretch. We can turn info into SHPO and see what they say. Lincoln County doesn't have a CLG. LaBarge is included in Sublette County School District #9. The original house is located directly behind the bar. There is a story that there was a still in the basement during the Depression. The dug out is still accessible. An original coal shed is still on the property. Represents a Wyoming small town bar, now is the only bar left in LaBarge. Thank you to Carmel Kail for doing a lot of research and finding a lot of information about the bar.
3. **Monument Ridge Lookout:** There will be a meeting by the Forest Service on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Carmel will go and report back next meeting. The Big Piney District Ranger is leaving, so we will be dealing with new management personnel on this topic.  
3:17PM Dave Vlcek arrived.
4. **Big Sandy Lodge National Register nomination contract:** Final payment on contract. Got unanimous approval at State Review board.  
**MOTION:** By Dave to accept voucher to pay Mary Humstone remaining money on the contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. Unanimous, motion passes.
5. **Dunham Ranch:** Board hired local historian Ann Noble to do research on this project. Was approved at our last meeting. Contract has been signed. Ann will start site survey soon and do historical research over the winter.
6. **History Day:** We agreed to \$1000 at our last meeting. Will go to two kids going to Washington DC for their airfare. Only one student has turned in paperwork to us to date.  
**MOTION** by Carmel to approve \$500 for airfare ticket reimbursement for student Hannah Keyser. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea. Unanimous, motion carries.

**MOTION** by Andrea to approve \$500 for the second student if we get receipt and paperwork from them. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmel. Unanimous, motion carries.

7. **Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame:** Clint reported that our CLG budget was increased by \$1500 to cover the Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame videos.

#### 8. **Project Updates**

a. **Lookouts:** Bob and Calvin went up to Deadline Ridge Lookout. Can get in now from the north side. There was some roof and siding damage over the winter. Will need at least 1 work day to make repairs. Roof needs another coat of paint. The 8 on roof needs white. South and west walls need paint. Will need scaffolding to do. Bob still has paint.

Monument Lookout: Funding is still uncertain for this lookout rescue project. Who will pay for it? Forest Service is the logical entity for funding, but perhaps there are other sources that can help? Not sure what department this falls under: fire, recreation? Maybe Friends of the Bridger-Teton might be able to help?

b. **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Clint reported there was significant erosion over the winter. A temporary fence is up to protect the sign and boiler from cattle. Calvin said he is willing to go up and check it out when he goes up to Monument lookout. Dawn needs to get signs ordered from Road and Bridge. We need to take a look at situation and then make a recommendation to the Forest Service. Don said he might know where to find some erosion mats.

c. **Fort Bonneville:** The State will install several new historical signs at the site tomorrow. This is just in time for the Museum of the Mountain Man's history driving tour during Rendezvous. This is one of the stops on the tour.

d. **WyoTrack account:** Carmel reported there is a Sublette CLG account set up now. They will put the Eagle Bar and Olsen site over to the Sublette CLG.

e. **USFS maps:** Carmel reported the framed maps are all done. Two went to Big Piney (one was for Snyder). She is almost done with distributing them, still need to get some to Afton.

f. **Graves:** Don is waiting for dry ground for access to install markers.

g. **Olson site:** This site will be put on our WyoTrack account and taken off of Mike Bies' account.

#### 9. **Dormant Projects**

a. **Emerson Schoolhouse:** Documentary started by Brooks Mitchell has been done. Some board members have already seen the early draft of it. There will be a viewing of the movie and an open house at the Schoolhouse sometime this summer or fall. Brooks passed away earlier this year. Friends finished it up for him. Would like to get this on Wyoming PBS.

b. Holden Hill: Nothing new to report

c. Pinedale Skeletons: Nothing new to report

d. New Fork Bridge survey: Nothing new to report

e. Big Sandy Reservoir enlargement: Nothing new to report

f. Beaver Slide: Nothing new to report

g. Green River Drift Fence: Nothing new to report

#### 10. **Other Business**

- **Board training letter:** The County sent a letter to all county boards/members letting them know about an upcoming board training opportunity. All board members encouraged to attend, but it is optional. There will be a session in Pinedale on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Another one later in Big Piney.

- **The Board asked Calvin** if he would like to apply to be on our CLG board. He said he doesn't want

to be on board, just wants to attend the meetings, hear what is going on, and help with projects, especially the lookouts. He was interested after reading the article Joy Ufford did in the local newspaper.

11. **Next meeting:** July 25, 2023 - Pinedale Library, 3:00PM

**MOTION** to adjourn at 4:45PM by Don Schooley. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmel.

Thank you to Bob Beiermann for bringing cookies and water!

Respectfully submitted:  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
Certified Local Government (CLG)  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
Pinedale Library Board Room

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (VP), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Don Schooley, Bob Beiermann, Andrea Lewis, Carmel Kail – all board members present

**Public present:** Calvin Thompson

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00PM by Board President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review minutes** of June 27, 2023 regular board meeting.  
Correction by Carmel: Date on minutes incorrectly shown as July 26, 2023. Correct to June 27, 2023.  
**MOTION** by Carmel to accept minutes with correction. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. **Monument Ridge Lookout:** Carmel and Richard Kail, and Calvin Thompson went to the meeting with the Bridger-Teton National Forest and HistoriCorps earlier this month to visit the lookout. People there checked restoration needs of the lookout. HistoriCorps will put together a proposal and present to the Forest Service. Will see where it goes from there. Work probably wouldn't be done this season. It would be a two-summer project. Friends of the Bridger-Teton might be able to help with some funding. Might get windows made over the winter and install next summer.
3. **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Don Schooley brought some rolls of erosion matting and staples supplies to the site. Staples are 6-8" long. Supplies donated by the Upper Green Cemetery District. Work day scheduled for Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to install the matting, 8AM. Need to take down temporary fencing that is protecting the interpretive sign in front. Forest Service will install a more permanent fence around the perimeter sometime. Clint will let Katherine Campbell know about the work day. Dawn will get road signs ordered through the County Road & Bridge.
4. **Deadline Lookout:** Workday scheduled for Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Roof shingles need some repair, also paint touchup on south and west sides. We have enough paint still. Probably a day of work. Bob will bring shingles. Clint will bring scaffolding. Looking for period hinges for inside.
5. **Big Sandy Lodge Open House:** Date still to be determined. Dawn make a tri-fold brochure? Will need directional signs for road in for open house.
6. **Project Updates:**
  - a) **Eagle Bar - Site Form:** Carmel still has some more info to gather, will update the site form. She will email the text to the board to review. Once the site form is submitted, this project is completed for us.
  - b) **Fort Bonneville – Signs:** Wyoming State Parks folks installed the new signs at the site, look great. Someday might do magnetometer work. Willows along ditch need cut again. Open House sometime next year? Clint will talk with State folks about more ideas for the site. Make a rendezvous site tour map?
  - c) **Dunham Ranch:** Ann Noble has already done the field work for the National Register nomination.
  - d) **Emerson School – Documentary:** The Pinedale Library will show the documentary. Sublette

County Historical Society will schedule a date for an open house. Need a map or rack card with directions to find the site.

e) **Lookouts:** already discussed

f) **Graves:** Don reported that all the markers are done, just need placed. He will get with Jonita Sommers on it.

g) **Olson Site – Site Form:** Dave is working on it.

7. **Dormant Projects:**

a) **Holden Hill:** Nothing new to report.

b) **Pinedale Skeletons:** Nothing new to report.

c) **New Fork Bridge Survey:** Nothing new to report.

d) **Big Sandy Reservoir:** Dave reported Molly Cannon is doing some archaeology work as reservoir mitigation. Artifacts found from work done in 1960 are in Laramie. Would be nice to have a report on that old work that was done and what artifacts were found. Dave will ask Zach with Bureau of Reclamation about further field work, research plans, mitigation plans.

e) **Beaver Slide:** Nothing new to report.

f) **Green River Drift Fence:** Nothing new to report.

8. **Other Business:**

- **Sommers Homestead Open House:** On Sunday, Sept. 3rd 10AM-3PM. Tent setup on Saturday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> if anyone can help.

- **Commissary on North Cottonwood Creek in Wyoming Range:** Clint reported this historic building is about gone now. The Forest Service has ignored it and allowed to fall into disarray. Demolition by neglect. Historic building from tie hack camp. Building is beyond repair. There are pictures over time. Chimney is falling down. Maybe salvage some bricks for a marker? Propose Forest Service do something to recognize the history. Most of the tie hack cabins in the Wyoming Range have been allowed to disintegrate.

9. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 3:00PM, Big Piney Library

**MOTION:** By Andrea to adjourn, 4:40PM.

Thank you to Bob Beiermann for bringing cookies and water refreshments!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary

Sublette County Historic Preservation Board  
Certified Local Government (CLG)  
Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
Big Piney Library Board Room

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (VP), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Don Schooley, Bob Beiermann, Carmel Kail

**Board members not present:** Andrea Lewis

**Public present:** Calvin Thompson

**Meeting called to order** at 3:00PM by Board President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review minutes** of July 25, 2023 regular board meeting.  
**MOTION** by Dave to accept minutes as ~~presented~~presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. **Bondurant Dipping Vat:** Carmel will draft a note for USFS asking about fencing plan. Will send pictures of erosion work. Three new directional signs for the dipping vat have been installed on the road.
3. **Deadline Lookout:** Calvin went up to the lookout and sprayed hornet killer, also swept flies out of the lookout. Ken Symes was in town for Ron Worl's funeral. He worked at Deadline lookout as a youth-he is 85+ now. He said he will write up some of his memories. Clint got some oral stories. He remembered having to clean out flies and caulk the windows. We have a work day scheduled for Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Roof shingles need some repair, also paint touchup on south and west sides. We have enough paint still. Probably a day of work. Bob will bring shingles. Clint will bring scaffolding. Looking for period hinges for inside.
4. **Mack Cemetery:** BLM will put in the fence August 30<sup>th</sup>. For those who want to go, meet at 9am at the gravel pit.
5. **Sommers Homestead Open House:** Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10AM-3PM. Tent set up on Saturday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9AM.
6. **Emerson Schoolhouse:** Documentary Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Pinedale Library, 6PM. There will be a panel discussion. Open House on Saturday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at the Schoolhouse, 10AM-3PM. Documentary will be on Wyoming PBS in October.
7. **Project Updates:**
  - a) **Lookouts:** Nothing new
  - b) **Big Sandy Lodge:** Nothing new. Open house will be next year.
  - c) **Dunham Ranch National Register nomination:** Nothing new.
  - d) **Graves:** Don and Jonita are working on McCray and Webb cemeteries
  - e) **Eagle Bar:** Nothing new
  - f) **Olson Site – Site Form:** Dave is working on it. It is in Wyotrack and has a site number now.
8. **Dormant Projects:**
  - a) **Holden Hill:** Nothing new to report.
  - b) **Pinedale Skeletons:** Nothing new to report.
  - c) **New Fork Bridge Survey:** Nothing new to report.
  - d) **Big Sandy Reservoir:** Nothing new to report.

e) **Beaver Slide:** Nothing new to report.

f) **Green River Drift Fence:** Nothing new to report.

9. **Other Business:**

10. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 3:00PM, Pinedale Library

**MOTION:** By Carmel to adjourn, 4:18PM.

Thank you to Bob Beiermann for bringing cookies and water refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Ballou, Secretary



Sublette County Historic Preservation Board – Certified Local Government (CLG)  
September 26, 2023, Pinedale Library  
Regular Board Meeting - Meeting Minutes

**Board members present:** Clint Gilchrist (President), Dave Vlcek (VP), Dawn Ballou (Secretary), Don Schooley, Carmel Kail, Andrea Lewis – quorum present

**Board members not present:** Bob Beiermann

**Public present:** Calvin Thompson

Meeting called to order at 3:02PM by President Clint Gilchrist.

1. **Review and approve minutes of August 22, 2023 regular board meeting:** Correction of typo word on 1-Motion, “presenter” should be “presented.” Agenda item 3 correction, Ken Symes was in town for funeral for Ron Worl not Monte Skinner.  
**MOTION:** By Andrea to approve minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carmel. Unanimous, motion passes.
2. **Olson Site:** Archaeological write-up documentation has been submitted to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). They (Nathan May, SHPO Archaeologist) sent us a letter dated September 25, 2023 stating, “We concur with your finding that the following site, 48SU7910 (the Mike Olson Site) is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).” It should now be referred to as SHPO project DBI\_WY\_2023\_403 for any future correspondence regarding this undertaking. Dave Vlcek sent landowner Mike Olson a hard copy of the report and maps. We will drop this line item from our agenda list now.
3. **Eagle Bar** (site form): Our group met there on June 27<sup>th</sup> to see the site and look at buildings. Carmel has a write-up and site form and is proposing it be eligible for the National Register. She will submit on behalf of the Sublette County CLG. This project is now considered done.
4. **Deadline Lookout:** We had a workday on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Bob Beiermann, Clint Gilchrist, Calvin Thompson, Carmel & Richard Kail, Norris and Rosalie Tratnik for work on repairing the roof, repainting the green roof, repainting the white 8, touch-up painting the brown on building. Bob Beiermann received a thank you card from Norris and Rosalie Tratnik regarding helping on the project. Calvin said he went out another day later and did some more touch up painting, and plans to go back again and do some more. There are still some issues with hornets living in/around the lookout building, maybe in holes in the logs. Calvin will spray some hornet killer and caulk over holes in logs, touch-up paint. Clint commented that Ken Symes agreed to do a ZOOM oral interview about his time working at the lookout in 1958, worked there for about 2 months (8 weeks) while he was in college. He said he had 3 radios. He could radio from Deadline to his Dad on Orcutt Hill in Pinedale and they could talk. He listened to KOMA (Oklahoma) radio at night. The outhouse was down to the northeast on flat from the top. Got water from hill on the north. There was a creek at the bottom where he fished. Carried water on a backpack. Some discussion about other lookouts and hope for possible future work by Forest Service on them. Nothing concrete in any plans yet, but we’re still nudging on it.
5. **Mack Cemetery fence:** Ann & Dave Noble and Cal Thompson went out and watched as BLM crew put up new fence around the Mack cemetery. Jim Urbigit was also there. Thank you to Calvin Thompson for helping with that project. Fence looks great, did a good job, should protect the graves better now from cattle, sheep and wildlife damage. Some discussion about a sign.

BLM recreation program will make a sign. This cemetery is now considered done for our purposes – Rock Springs BLM will manage now. Clint will send a thank you to the Rock Springs BLM for their efforts to protect this remote cemetery.

**Some discussion about the dispersed graves in the Buckskin Crossing area** near the Big Sandy River; Indian and early white settlers (graves are on private land).

**Brief discussion about some fenced graves in South Piney canyon.** Clint said some people brought in pictures of the graves, markings lost. We have historic pictures from the 1940s that can tell what those markings should be. They are white porcelain with black letters. Carmel will go look at the pictures. Will also give copies of the pictures to the Green River Valley Museum.

**Webb Cemetery:** Carmel Kail, Don Schooley and Jonita Sommers went out earlier today and put low-profile markers on six graves there. They can be mowed over and are more protected from possible livestock damage. Don witted the location of each grave and found them. Gave the family a map and info on each grave. The family said they will fence off the cemetery.

**Silver Creek Cemetery:** Don Schooley and Jonita Sommers will put in some new markers on some graves there.

6. **Emerson School:** There was a premiere showing of the Brooks Mitchell documentary on the schoolhouse at the Pinedale Library. About 50 people attended. Two days later, on Saturday, the Sublette County Historical Society (SCHS) held an open house from 10AM to 3PM out at the schoolhouse for the public to visit. About 30 people came out during the course of the day. Beautiful weather, great day for the open house. Thank you to Emi Domoto Riley/Rivera Lodge for baking & donating ginger snap cookies for the event. The SCHS would like to do an annual event out there. It is a very remote site, very happy with that turnout. The documentary will be on Wyoming PBS in October. Clint is talking with the gentleman who did the video interviews of former students and teachers to try to get the raw footage for the historical archive. Each interview was about an hour each. Only small portions made it into the documentary. Would like to get them transcribed. Carmel offered to help, or we could spend some \$ to get the interviews transcribed. No decision made. Emerson School project now considered done for our purposes.
7. **Rock Springs Resource Management Plan (RMP):** Dave Vlcek went to the public meeting the BLM held recently in Big Piney. The BLM has four proposed alternatives. There was a big crowd and lots of public didn't like their preferred alternative. There were no chairs for anyone to sit and the BLM wasn't taking any verbal comments at the public meeting. It was confrontational. There is a 5-mile proposed trail management Corridor buffer of No Surface Occupancy on each side of National historic trails in their preferred alternative, no mineral leasing, closed to mineral sales (wind farms, gas plants, large transmission lines, power plants.) Carmel commented she did not think anything cultural seemed to be affected.
8. **Project Updates**
  - a) **Lookouts** (Deadline, Monument, Prospect): already discussed
  - b) **Big Sandy Lodge National Register Nomination:** There is a hitch in this project. Apparently the Forest Service has to submit for the NR nomination since the project is on public land. USFS hasn't done that yet. We didn't know that step. Waiting on them. They did write a letter of support, but they must formally submit. Clint will contact them and keep checking on it. Carmel commented she was in contact with someone who has a pamphlet on it we haven't seen before. She is in contact with him and will get a digital copy.

c) **Bondurant Dipping Vat fence:** The fence is still up around the burner, but not around the interpretive sign to protect it. Nothing from the Forest Service yet about when fence will go up. Hopefully before cattle go in again next spring.

d) **Dunham Ranch National Register Nomination:** Ann Noble will work on write up this winter.

e) **Graves** (Mack, McCray, Webb cemeteries): already discussed

9. **Dormant Projects**

a) **Holden Hill** – nothing new to report

b) **Pinedale Skeletons** – nothing new to report

c) **New Fork Bridge Survey:** Dave Vlcek reported the new landowner the bridge is on has denied him access to the bridge citing potential liability. It is unclear right now who actually owns or manages the bridge. Do the Drift cattle ranchers have a right-of-way? Possibility of getting permission another way.

d) **Big Sandy Reservoir Enlargement** – nothing new to report

e) **Beaver Slide** – nothing new to report

f) **Green River Drift Fence** – nothing new to report

10. **Other Business**

- **Board training:** Carmel said she heard that the recent Board training from the County was apparently required and not optional. The letter from the County didn't state it that way. We are volunteers, don't consider this our problem.

4:36PM: Dave Vlcek left meeting.

- **Upcoming annual grants:** Some discussion about possibly applying for grant money for another project? Big Piney Town Hall or brick district? Daniel Fish Hatchery building? Emerson Schoolhouse? No decision made.

11. **Next meeting** – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at Big Piney Library, 3PM

**MOTION** to adjourn by Carmel at 4:43PM.

Thank you to Carmel for bringing cookies!

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Ballou, Secretary