

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
September 30, 2015
"Final"

Dick Kohler started the meeting at 10:10 AM. Those present were LoAnne Barnes, Elaine Young, Marti Hafen, Richard Hafen, Pat Cundick, Ron Cundick, George Cannon, Jennifer Kohler, Elaine Tyler, Dick Kohler, and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

- George Cannon made a Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 27, 2015 and the August 26, 2015 meetings. The Motion was seconded by Susan Crook. All present said "Aye" – both sets of Minutes were approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

- Lynne Johnston made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's May thru August 2015 Report. LoAnne Barnes seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye". The Treasurer's Report was approved
- Elaine said there were three new memberships – for 2015
- Elaine registered the Domain Name and the cost was \$14.95
- She would like to pro-rate the "Hosting of the Domain Name" so it is annual

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN – Susan Crook

- Susan mentioned that there are two workshops today – one at 4:30 PM and one at 6:00 PM
- There is a compressed version of the material on the Citizens for Dixie Website
- Affect Historical Assets
- Key features are Old Spanish Trail and the Beaver Dam Wash
- Cultural resources – Adams House has been restored
- Red Cliffs National Conservation Area – 200 Acres were added
- Babylon Mining District – is included in the plan - at one time there were plans to build a road thru the Babylon Mining District –
- Amendment to the St. George Field BLM Office to propose to modify areas where there are areas of critical environmental concern - Biological and Cultural Resources
- Ditches and canals are included in the plan
- Still time to make comments – ends on November 16, 2015

Resource Management Plan continued – Susan Crook

- LoAnne stated that there were lots of meetings held in Washington County 2006-2009 and with the help of Senator Bill Bennett they created a Bill that was passed by Congress – Federal Legislation about “What you want to happen on Public Lands”
- The Bill was held up as a model
- Now there is an effort to disavow the prior agreement
- Mike Empey would be the person to talk to
- WCHS needs to be involved and make comments
- The County Commission is standing against a lot of people who like to use the Public Land
- Citizens of Dixie is preparing a comment letter to propose the management of Cultural Resources
- Transportation Plan is coming out this Winter and there will be opportunities to voice opinions and suggestions at that time

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CLG – Susan Crook

- Susan suggested that the City of Enterprise become a CLG Town – they could request money through Grants for improvements
- Dick suggested that the WCHS might be able to be an “Umbrella” for some of the smaller towns because WCHS has a 501 c 3 status
- Elaine pointed out that doing that without a Solicitation Permit might cause trouble for WCHS
- LoAnne mentioned that the City of Leeds applied for RAP Tax for the CCC Camp and The Silver Reef Museum
- Santa Clara is a good example of a Certified Local Government

FIELD TRIP TO TOQUERVILLE – Pat Cundick

- About 30 people attended
- We walked to one house and around the corner to the other house
- William Jackson – a strawberry farmer built the house
- Susannah gave her notes to George Cannon for the Website
- Heard all about the murders by Richard Fryer
- Pat Asked for a reminder about the October Field Trip which will be at the Silver Reef Museum

HISTORIC HOMES – Richard and Marti Hafen

- The restoration of the red brick home has been accomplished
- Kim Campbell, an architect, came to take a look at the lava rock foundation of the garage
- Hafens think they might have a good chance of registering the property on the National Register of Historic Places

KAREN PLATT – Jennifer Kohler

- Jennifer Kohler told about Karen’s funeral – how appreciative Lyman was that some from the WCHS attended to honor Karen
- It was suggested that it might be nice to erect a Memorial Plaque at the SUU Library in Karen’s honor
- They wondered who would be the contact at SUU Library
- George set up a Digital Memorial page on the Website for Karen Platt

WCHS Phone – George Cannon

- George asked (again) for someone to answer the WCHS phone – a volunteer

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP – LoAnne Barnes

- LoAnne reminded every to attend “Ghost Night” on two different nights – October 24 at 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM – then a repeat again on October 30 at 7:00 PM
- Several of the Ghosts are from the WCHS Committee –
- Thanks to Elaine Young who volunteered to be the School Teacher
- Free to Silver Reef Museum Members, \$5.00 if you phone ahead for reservations, \$7.00 at the door

GEORGE CANNON – WCHS WEBSITE

- George has been working with East Elementary School-they have given him hundreds of photos - He also did a similar thing with West Elementary
- George had a few calls from School Teachers in Washington County that said they were going to use the film for their 4th grade classes
- George made the comment that he had a lot of the Teachers names from East and West Elementary Schools
- George reminded everyone that he has the equipment to show the Website to the Committee in his home – would take about one hour – he would show how easy it is to navigate the Website
- George was going to talk to Bob Olsen – past President of WCHS – about putting information on the Website about Toquerville
- He would like information about William and Hannah Jackson and their home
- There are Oral Histories of Victor Iverson – Washington City school teacher and Della Turner – wife of John Turner, an “old timer”
- Washington County Records Officer Sharon Welch retired – her replacement is Cami Scholzen
- We need a Membership Chairman and need to recruit new members
- We should get listed on the Volunteer Center of Washington County – he would do it if someone would compose the write ups
- Set up some cooperation with the Family History Center and add them to the constituents

DOCUTAH – DOCUMENTARY FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dick Kohler

- Dick talked about the Washington County School District's submission of the film which talked about the history of the Schools – Heber Jones and Lyman Hafen were speakers
- The Documentary stated that the earliest school was in Toquerville in the 1890's, but Silver Reef had a school in the 1880's
- Dick noted that there was other information that should've been included in the film and he would let the School District know
- It would have been nice if they had talked to Doug Alder before they finished their film
- Dick said he would let the School District know about the wrong information and give them the correct information – in the Documentary
- George said he had gotten phone calls from 2 School Teachers in Washington County that said they were going to use the Documentary to teach their 4th graders

RAP TAX – Dick Kohler

- Dick mentioned the RAP Tax Board had received 45 Applications
- Tuacahan asked \$325,000 for 20 years which can't happen because RAP Tax only lasts 10 years
- Dick was the only one that voted "no" to give 1/3 of the money to one organization
- Dick wants to talk to the three Commissioners before they meet this next Tuesday to approve the requests and make the requests "official"
- Dick thinks that if the money is given to Tuacahan, the RAP Tax Board needs to keep track of what and how they spend that money

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

Respectfully Yours
Lynne Johnston