

**APPROVED**  
**Washington County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 10 AM  
Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Meeting Room

Board members present: George Cannon, Chad Bennion, Richard Kohler, Teresa Orton, Jesse Stocking and Loren Webb.

Board members excused: Ian Crowe and Maureen Parks

Board member absent: Brad Bennett.

Vice-President Richard Kohler welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of President Ian Crowe.

1. Motion was made by Teresa Orton and seconded by George Cannon to approve the minutes of June 19, 2024. Motion was unanimously approved.
2. Loren Webb, WCHS oral history coordinator, presented a proposal to the WCHS Board to support him, sending an email to the Washington County Commission to seek up to \$2,000 to fund an oral history project to interview four prominent people. Motion was made by Richard Kohler and seconded by Teresa Orton to approve Loren Webb's proposal. Motion was unanimously approved.
3. The financial report was given by Teresa. Motion was made by Jesse Stocking and seconded by Richard Kohler to approve the financial report. Motion was approved unanimously.

Questions were asked about the Budget vs Actual report. Teresa explained that we are in the red 7% because of the shortfall in grant revenue that we had budgeted for but not received. Our expenses have exceeded our budget by 92% due to the transcription costs for the oral history project. We expect to have grant funds to cover that shortfall.

4. Teresa said the review of the Society's bylaws was due for this meeting, but Board member Chad Bennion had not been able to work with Teresa because of his political campaign duties. Chad agreed to meet with Teresa to work on the Bylaws. Teresa asked board members to develop a short list of topics to review in connection with the Society bylaws for policies and procedures.

She asked for Board members' list of topics they want to apply for with grants that were previously requested. Her list included: website and database, preservation projects, fundraising and digitizing the Dixie Photo Studios photos, and supplies for a WCHS booth. She asked that Board members think about what projects they would want funding for so we can be prepared when opportunities come up.

5. Teresa said there was a question about how the Society might be able to obtain access to the Lynn Clark photo collection, currently in possession of Lynn Clark's husband, Rollo Brunson. Loren said Lyman Hafen promised Loren he would contact Rollo Brunson to see what he could find out. Loren was asked to contact Lyman for an update.
6. George Cannon reported that Utah Tech University Special Collections Director Chloe Batt has left the university.
7. Jesse said that he and Teresa worked on making it so that Board members Teresa Orton and Maureen Parks are now equal administrators of the WCHS Facebook page. Ian Crowe and Jesse Stocking are administrators as well.
8. Richard said he has sent out notification for the Society's field trip to Veyo and the Veyo Pool on Saturday, July 13. Teresa suggested Richard contact Joann Balen, a daughter of Mel Cottam who developed the pool, to get the history of the pool.
9. George said that Justin LeClair finished the WCHS website landing page tasks that were requested of him. He has used 11.0 of the 20 hours he has been authorized. He will continue working on his other two more difficult assignments. George and Justin have discussed a number of things Justin might help us with during the time Justin is not in school this summer. Keeping him productively involved has the advantage of having his critical skills available to us if and when we need them.

A motion was made by Loren Webb and seconded by Richard Kohler to authorize Justin LeClair to work an additional 40 hours at \$20 an hour on WCHS website support. Motion passed unanimously.

George also reported:

- He contacted Austin Pickett who graciously declined to charge for his work in making changes to the WordPress for the new 4-level membership fees. The money that was authorized was not used.

10. Regarding the David and Wilhelmina Cannon Seago Lily Statue, George said the Society needs to set up a bank account and work out procedures for handling the funds received. He also noted that work has started and a preliminary clay statue of David Cannon has been produced.

Motion was also made by Teresa Orton and seconded by Richard Kohler that Teresa Orton and George Cannon would be the two signatories on opening a bank account and signing checks at State Bank of Southern Utah for the David and Wilhelmina Cannon statue project. The motion included that the Society will accept funds for the project and the Society will be the financial account manager. The motion was passed unanimously.

11. Loren said he gave a lecture on Gunlock pioneer William Hamblin at Gunlock State Park on July 2 with 12 people attending. He also mentioned he will be doing the storytelling part of the Pine Valley Heritage Days on July 20 at the former Pine Valley Work Center.

The meeting ended at 12 noon although no motion was made to close the meeting.

The next WCHS Community meeting will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 10 a.m. at the DUP Museum Meeting Room.

The next WCHS Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 10 a.m.