

APPROVED

Washington County Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, 9 AM

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum Meeting Room

Board members present: Brad Bennett, Chad Bennion, George Cannon, Teresa Orton, Maureen Parks, Loren Webb.

Board members excused: Ian Crowe, Richard Kohler, Jesse Stocking

1. Vice President, Brad Bennion, standing in for Ian Crowe, who said he would be late for the board meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. George Cannon updated the board on Board member Richard Kohler's health following a stroke. It doesn't look like Richard will be returning soon to full activity with the WCHS Board. George suggested appointing an acting board member to carry on for Dick until he can return.

3. Motion was made by Teresa Orton, and seconded by Chad Bennion to accept the Aug. 14, 2024 minutes of the Washington County Historical Society Board meeting without corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Teresa Orton reported \$26,000 is now in the WCHS-administered account for the David and Wilhelmina Cannon statue. She said she completed a St. George City RAP Tax grant application for \$7,000. City officials said to combine two projects: one for the Cannon statue and one for covering the oral history program. Teresa is also going to apply for \$10,000 through Utah Arts and Museums for the Cannon statue project. It is a sponsorship and not a grant. Motion was made by Chad Bennion and seconded by Brad Bennett to approve the financial report without corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Chad Bennion suggested someone from the WCHS should attend St. George Chamber luncheon meetings, St George City Council meetings and Washington County Commission meetings to represent WCHS and build support for the organization.

6. Teresa Orton and Chad Bennion updated the board in connection with WCHS bylaws. Chad said their plan is to share a proposed draft with the Board in the next few weeks. Drafts of the bylaws will be sent out to all

board members before our next Board meeting for review. The final draft will be sent to WCHS members 30 days prior to the January 2025 annual meeting.

7. Teresa said we need to prepare for elections in January. Board members whose end of terms are coming up include: Brad Bennett, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, Teresa Orton, Jesse Stocking and Loren Webb. Those elected last year include Chad Bennion, Richard Kohler and Maureen Parks. George recommended that Mike Harless of Washington City be selected to act on behalf of Richard Kohler due to his health condition. Chad recommended that the number of odd and even year board members' expiration dates need to be more equal so board member terms balance out between the two years.

8. In George Cannon's website update, he said Justin LeClair was originally approved by the board to work 20 hours on website projects. He used up those 20 hours at the end of August. The board authorized for another 40 hours and LeClair has used 20 of those hours. George said LeClair figured out a way so that people can contact the WCHS website and on every page there is a page feedback with a form that comes to George and allows him to respond back. Chad asked if someone said there is something inaccurate on the website, how do you handle it? With the thousands of pages of documents on the website, George as webmaster said it's difficult to verify factual errors because he is short handed and doesn't have enough volunteers to help research those questions. We post the best information that we can and expect the website to continue evolving into the future. George said he has Justin LeClair working on a project that will provide statistical data each month on what site is being used.

Motion was made by Chad Bennion and seconded by Brad Bennett to adjourn the board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.