

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Maureen Parks, Secretary.

Board Members in attendance: Chad Bennion, Loren Webb, Linda Shogren, Teresa Orton, Maureen Parks, George Cannon, Brad Bennett (phone), and Karl McMullin (phone). Jesse Stocking was excused. A Board quorum was present. Others in attendance were Susie Nilsson and Ian Crowe.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Shogren, Board Member.
3. Minutes of Board meeting on March 12, 2025, were approved as written.
4. Financials presented by Teresa Orton, Treasurer. Maureen Parks made the motion to accept the March 2025 financials as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Funding of \$1,000 from Utah Humanities for roundtable discussions, field trips, and meetings which Dick Kohler conducted has been received. Mike Gardner has not sent the raw footage which Teresa requested from him. Teresa will email Mike and copy the Board members to request the raw footage as proof of performance. The St. George RAP Tax Grant has been submitted for 2025-2026.
5. Chad Bennion discussed the need for a master plan. A Strategic Planning Committee will be created by June 2025. Board members gave suggestions for committee members. Chad will contact those recommended and ask them to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee.
6. Susie Nilsson, liaison for Santa Clara, is creating a document showing the markers, plaques, and signs in Santa Clara (over 100+). She intends to publish a softbound book with photos and information about each item and plans to sell the book at the Santa Clara Museum.
7. Chad Bennion led the discussion on establishing committee members for the Standing Committees. Committee members for Standing Committees were identified. Committee chairs may invite other people to serve, also. (See attached document.)
8. Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Administrative: Each Board member will contribute to the Policy & Procedures Manual by writing their portion of the document under Teresa's direction. Maintains Bylaws for updates/revisions. Maintains lists of potential projects and funding.
 - b. Membership: Linda will set up a table on April 26 at the Washington City Museum for Cotton Days to recruit members for projects and for referring them to the website for information. Washington City Museum is now a 501(c)(3).
 - c. Website: George will respond to Chris Reed of FOX 13 Utah with the Board's response to Chris' request to "use photos off the WCHS website, without compensation, on air and online across all Scripps properties, platforms and partners, now and in the future with credit to the WCHS." The response from the Board was that no decision was made by the Board to allow access to the

website for FOX 13 Utah's use. The newly established committee will write a Policy & Procedure document for the usage of photos on the WCHS website.

Special Committee Reports:

- a. Lynn Clark Media Collection: Chad will have more information after May 1, 2025.
 - b. Historic Antiquities Preservation: Chad is working on an ordinance and visiting petroglyph sites and working with local governments as well as following up on Joe Collet's draft letter regarding Webb Hill.
 - c. Chris Caldwell Photo Collection: Photos are now safely stored on an external device.
 - d. Gala: Brad is exploring possible venues.
 - e. Logo: Brad will have the new logo completed within a week.
 - f. "History of Washington County Class": Reuben Wadsworth is not interested in teaching the class. Loren will continue to pursue other instructors. Neil Walter demanded Utah Tech take down the misinformation regarding the university name change off its website.
 - g. Bart Anderson Collection: Ian Crowe drafted a letter to Caitlin Grimm at Utah Tech reasserting the WCHS's right to the Anderson Collection, according to Anderson's widow.
 - h. Dixie Days. Ralph Atkin of Sons of Utah Pioneers will be leading the events for the two days requested by City of St. George.
 - i. Field Trips: Loren spoke with Dick and Jennifer Kohler about access to the information they have of field trips Dick conducted. They gave their approval. Loren will follow up with Jennifer to get the information.
 - j. Historic Walking Tours: Confirmed dates of October 11, 18, and 25 with tour guides now scheduled.
 - k. Oral Histories: Gary Esplin is confirmed for April 15. Loren is requesting interviews with Larue Dannelly of Enterprise and Ralph Lamoreaux. Application with Alan Anderson of the Washington County Library System for \$2,750 from Utah Humanities was rejected due to loss of funding.
9. New Business
- a. Preservation Utah and Recommendations for the 2025 Most Endangered Historic Places List. Susie Nilsson suggested the Board act to promote restoration of the Judd Store and Loren suggested the Board act to conserve Washington Fields. Susie and Loren will complete the nomination and submit it by the deadline, Monday, April 14, 2025.
 - b. Loren Webb drafted a letter to the U.S. Congressional delegation requesting retention of funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities and, therefore, funding for Utah Humanities for grants for history-related projects. Teresa Orton made a motion to encourage all Board members to contact the Congressional delegation, also. The motion passed unanimously.
 - c. USHRAB Grant. Teresa presented her questions and concerns about applying for this grant at this time. It was decided we were not ready to make the application.

No action taken this year.

10. Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Maureen Parks, Secretary