WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chad Bennion, President.

2. Opening Prayer was offered by Chad Bennion, President.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Karl McMullin, Vice President.

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

4. Minutes of Board meeting on June 11, 2025, were not approved because members had not reviewed.

5. Teresa Orton made a motion to approve the June 2025 financial documents, seconded by Linda Shogren. The motion passed unanimously.

   a. Policies & Procedures Manual – Teresa asked for additional information from Membership, Oral History and Website. Chad Bennion will draft a use of photos policy and submit it. George asked about other policies regarding usage of materials on the website. Chad will develop a full policy.

   b. USHRAB Grant period begins 8/1/25. Teresa submitted information required to apply and possible projects were discussed. No decision was made as to what to apply for.

6. Karl McMullin submitted the Historical Organizations Foundations Policy and Loren Webb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. It will be reformatted for the Policy and Procedure manual.

7. Loren Webb reviewed the status of the Oral History program. He has more interviews tentatively scheduled and funding was discussed. It was decided that there would be funds available for more interviews if he could find an appropriate setting to conduct them.

   a. The YouTube Channel management was discussed but it was unclear who would administrate it.

   b. The Wittwer Brothers oral history interviews were converted to a new hard drive purchased by George Cannon.

   c. The Lane Ronnow episodes were discussed, and it was discovered that the information Jesse Stocking has is also at the Utah Tech University Special Collections. No further action was needed.

   d. Status of the Leroy Wilson/General Steam documents was discussed, and it is still in the scanning phase.

8. George Cannon made a motion for approval for upcoming renewal expenses for the wchsutah.org and wchshistory.org domains and hosting, Teresa Orton seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously. It was decided to try to set them up for auto-renew if possible.

   a. Justin LeClair’s situation was discussed. He has expressed interest in helping us and it was agreed that we should see where he could help us. Chad Bennion and George Cannon will meet with Justin to discuss.

   b. The Mike Gardner footage has been received and needs to be reviewed for content.

   c. George suggested that we investigate a cloud account for backup of the website. No action was taken.

9. Jesse Stocking asked for assistance for posting on the Facebook page. Teresa and Maureen are also admins on the page. No decision was made as to responsibility, but Teresa, Maureen and Jesse will discuss creating a plan to submit to the Board.

10. Brad Bennett made a motion to schedule the Gala at the St George Academy on October 25 from 6 PM to * PM. Chad Bennion seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

    a. The deposit is $500 for cleaning (refundable) and $125/hr. We anticipate 5 hours. This will include tables, chairs and A/V.

    b. Brad will provide a budget for the Gala at the Board Meeting on 8/13/25.

11. Chad Bennion provided information regarding his plan to coordinate with the City to regain use of the Pioneer Courthouse.

    a. Strategic Planning Committee has meet and a plan is being created.

    b. The letter to the U.S. Congressional delegations was sent.

12. Old Business:

    a. Loren Webb announced that Lenny Brinkerhoff will be conducting a field trip on 9/13/25 to Virgin, UT. Those interested should meet at the Courthouse to drive to Virgin. It will be about a 2 hr tour and meet at the courthouse at 9 AM.

13. New Business:

    a. Loren Webb announced that on 7/19/25 Pine Valley was holding Heritage Dages from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Pine Valley Community Center.

    b. Karl McMullin ask about backup and redundancy of the data we have been receiving that is on hard drives. It was discussed that a policy should be written and the control, possession and backup of our data be outlined. Suggestions were to put in a safety deposit box or a cloud account. No action was taken.

13. Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 13, 2025,10:00 AM

14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

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Teresa Orton substituting for Maureen Parks, Secretary