

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Brad Bennett, Board Member.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Loren Webb, 1st Vice President.

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

3. Minutes of Board meeting on October 8, 2025, were approved as written.
4. Newsletter Winter Edition: deadline for submissions is December 1; release date is December 21. Teresa recommended that all Board members write a couple of short paragraphs about themselves for the December newsletter to inspire more confidence in the Board and to learn of the contributions of each Board member. The newsletter will include information submitted by those running for Board positions when the election occurs in January to encourage attendance at the Annual Meeting and Election.
5. A motion was made by Maureen Parks and seconded by Karl McMullin to approve the October 2025 financial documents as presented. Motion carried.
6. Policies & Procedures Manual – Chad will send the policy on use of materials on the website, including photos, to George for review and recommendations, which will be presented at the December Board Meeting. Chad will get updates and time frames from Chet Norman, Incline Marketing, who is conducting an independent analysis of the website to be presented at the December Board meeting.
7. Museum brochures have been printed and picked up in Las Vegas. Linda and her daughter are distributing them. The Granting Entities logos were not included on the brochures, which will need to be corrected for the next printing.
8. Linda does not wish to oversee the promotional materials and the scheduling of manpower for the booths; however, she will be happy to assist.
Events to add to 2026 Planning Calendar:
Washington County Fair: April 10th - 18th. Apply 1/5-1/31, 2026 (Historical Display Coordinator)
Washington City Cotton Days: April 24th - 26th (booth the 26th) Veterans Park
Hurricane Peach Days: Sept 3 - 5th
Ivins Heritage Days: Sept
Dixie Days: Sept 20. Contact: bree.holmberg@sgcityutah.gov 435-627-4512
Santa Clara Swiss Days: Sept 24 – 26. We need to be outside next to the family history tents.
Another consideration for membership drive
Tuacahn Saturday Market: October - April 10am - 2pm, May - Sept 9am - 1pm 435-652-3218

9. Loren facilitated a two-hour walking/driving tour of nine historic homes and a barn on Saturday, November 8, in Toquerville. The tour drew 40 participants and was led by Lynn and Kay Chamberlain. An article and several photos will be in the December newsletter.

Loren has an oral history appointment with David Nuffer on Wednesday, November 19. Nuffer is a sitting U.S. District Court Judge, has served as a U.S. Magistrate and was a law partner in the St. George law firm of Snow & Nuffer.

Dave Enos, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation, notified interested parties that the state agency was planning to install the Apex information kiosk November 10-13. When asked if there would be a ceremony connected with the installation, there was no response. (See attached document.)

Loren has compiled a document and photos, "Factual Information to Support the Erection of a Washington County Historical Society-sponsored Monument to Memorialize Samuel Judd and the Middleton Limestone Kiln." The kiln is located on Red Cliffs Desert Reserve/Bureau of Land Management, and Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan land. (See attached document.)

10. Gala preliminary financials were discussed. Brad will post photos on Facebook and send the photos to George for posting on the website.
Maureen will finalize the thank you letters to be sent/hand delivered to donors and send them to Brad, Loren, and Teresa for approval. When they are approved, they will send/hand deliver the appropriate thank you letters to those on the lists that have been created/provided.
Brad is working on securing a site for the 2026 Gala - possibilities include Heritage Hall in Washington City and the SunRiver Ballroom. Brad wishes to have Chef Alfredo cater for the 2026 event.
11. The Arts & Historic District Alliance of St. George was discussed. The Alliance' mission is to cultivate a vibrant arts and historic district that honors the city's past while energizing its future. Teresa will represent WCHS on the committee.
12. The document, "WCHS Board Nominating and Election Procedure for the WCHS Annual Meeting January 28, 2026" was distributed and discussed. Current Board members in year two of their two-year terms and up for re-election are Jesse Stocking, Maureen Parks, Linda Shogren, and Chad Bennion. Linda has chosen not to be nominated/elected.
13. Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 10:00 a.m.
14. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Maureen Parks, Secretary