Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting 7-16-2025; 7:00pm; Perkins House, Colfax, WA

Board members present: Mark Clinton, Jeff Pietila, Pat Flansburg, Linda Hackbarth, Krista Boyd, Carol Larson, Wendy Blake, Val Gregory

Linda Hackbarth noted that a correction should be made to the previous minutes—her name had mistakenly been repeated in the sentence describing the consent agenda approval. It was actually Pat Flansburg who provided the second to that motion.

Jeff Pietila moved, Linda Hackbarth seconded, and the board approved the minutes as corrected and the rest of the consent agenda as submitted.

Mark Clinton and Val Gregory reported that the archive items have successfully been moved from The Mercantile in Colfax to the Steptoe Grange Hall—a longer term solution than just moving items down the street as previously discussed. Thanks are extended to all involved. The move revealed a need to re-assess the items for appropriateness to our collection and mission. Some are not directly related to Whitman County's history, and it may be more appropriate for them to be offered to other institutions. Lindsey McCall, head of our Artifact Committee will work on that.

Linda reported that she has heard announcements advertising that the Gladish building is for sale. Val will follow up with Gladish to see how this might affect our plans to extend the lease space for the Archives for one more year.

Val Gregory presented a bid for woodwork repairs and repainting of the Perkins House (see Appendix A, below). Approximately \$85,000 of the estimated \$100,994 has already been raised through generous donations from community members. A fundraising campaign will be planned for the remaining \$16,000.

Jeff Pietila moved, Carol Larson seconded, and the board approved that the estimate be accepted. This will allow for a contract to be drafted and presented to the board for final approval to begin the work. Based on experience with the Depot, the contract should specify a project end date and include contingency procedures for unexpected repair needs not reflected in the approved estimate. It is hoped that the contract can be approved before August 1st. The Board is willing to schedule a working meeting via Zoom to facilitate this.

In order to be ready to present the Volunteer of the Year award at the annual meeting, Val Gregory requested that nominations be sent to her in time to determine an award recipient at the September meeting.

Wendy Blake reported that plans for the Annual Meeting are progressing well. Dr. Richard Scheuerman is available October 12th, and intends to deliver a presentation about Zane Grey's trip to the Palouse to do research for his novel, *The Desert of Wheat.* Wendy asked for feedback on a suitable venue—the Eagles hall in Colfax is one available spot, and the Whitman County Library Center is another. Jeff will look into the possibility of holding the lecture at the Endicott school building. (The Scheuerman family farm is near Endicott, so it would be nice to feature that community as part of the meeting if space is available there.)

To follow up on the need to clarify and standardize financial policies for the several WCHS locations as first noted in the April meeting, an Executive/financial committee meeting will be scheduled after harvest—hopefully in late August.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Blake

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 20 at 7pm, Depot. Exec Board meet with Depot Committee at 6pm.



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ADDRESS

Perkins House 623 N. Perkins Ave. Colfax WA, 99111

ESTIMATE #	DATE	
1242	07/09/2025	

P.O. NUMBER Exterior Refinish

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Application of 2 coats of high quality exterior paint after washing exterior, scraping loose paint, tacking all loose trim and boards back in place caulking cracks in siding, around all windows and doors, porch handrails and priming raw areas with oil. Porch roof included. Check to make sure all membrane is tacked and secure with no holes. Roof coating if needed. All door trim, windows included.	1	0.00	0.00
We use SW Duration or above: 30 gallons- Body cream 12 gallons-Trim Green 5 gallons- trim Black 20 Case Shermax Caulk	1	0.00	0.00
We will provide 25 hours for repair on all wood trim and building surfaces including wood materials limited to \$1,000.00. Above these hrs we will track all repairs t/m \$125.00 we will discuss before doing any additional work.	1	0.00	0.00
Bid Includes all materials, labor, lift and equipment to complete the job	1	79,200.00	79,200.00T
Management Fee	1	14,400.00	14,400.00T
Emailed 7-9-2025			

 SUBTOTAL
 93,600.00

 TAX
 7,394.40

 TOTAL
 \$100,994.40

Accepted By Accepted Date