

The Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting

Dec. 18,2024 via ZOOM

Board members present: Val Gregory, Linda Hackbarth, Pat Flansburg, Wendy Blake, Mark Clinton, Carol Larsen, Janet Barstow, Jeff Pietila.

Wendy Blake moved, Carol Larsen seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Val Gregory reported that the fire alarm system at Perkins House is being replaced with one that sends alert to Val's phone. The new system is much less expensive and should alleviate frequent false alarms.

Linda Hackbarth moved and Jeff Pietila seconded to approve, as amended and emailed, the Innovia endowment contract for the Depot.

The emergency repairs to the Palouse Museum roof were completed by Dean Prewitt of Specialty Coatings, Colfax. He came back twice afterwards to inspect. An approximately \$18,000 will be needed to complete the whole roof when weather allows. The existing roof is at least 30 years old, it is not known exactly when it was done. Janet Barstow and friends have some ideas for fundraisers and will present to the board for further input.

A letter was received from the Gladish facility, expressing grave concern for the future of the building due to extensive revenue loss from rentals, especially from the Montesorri school closure. Following discussion and direction from the board, Val Gregory and others will check into an alternative location for the Archives. The current lease extends into mid-2025.

The January 15, 2025 board meeting will be via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Barstow