

## Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting

Jan. 17, 2024 via ZOOM 7 p.m.

Board members present: Val Gregory, Mark Clinton, Jeff Pietila, Janet Barstow, Jon Anderson, Carol Larsen, Denise Mahnkey, Donna Potts, Krista Boyd, Linda Hackbarth, Pat Flansburg.

**Consent agenda:** Jeff Pietila moved, Janet Barstow seconded, approved.

**Administrative fees:** Jon Anderson proposed modifying the original agreement to assess administrative fees on rental income as well as donations. Linda Hackbarth disapproved. The proposal died for lack of a second.

**Email voting:** Jon Anderson shared legal policy he had encountered regarding email voting. It was decided that a special ZOOM meeting could be called if action is needed before the next scheduled board meeting, rather than trying to meet all the criteria for email voting.

**Soffit Restoration Bid:** Donna Potts moved and Carol Larsen seconded to approve the JK Greystone LLC bid for the Depot soffit restoration, for a total of \$129,063.45. Approved.

**Organ Deaccession:** Val Gregory reported that Nancy Rothwell has offered an 1890 pump organ for the Perkins House. Currently there is a 1970-era pump organ at the House, and WCHS policy supports deaccession of it. Janet Barstow moved, Krista Boyd seconded to do so, and accept the donation of the 1890 organ. Val Gregory, Alex Otero and Krista Boyd will find a new home for the deaccessioned organ.

**Bunchgrass Editor:** Ed Garretson has announced his resignation as Bunchgrass Editor at the end of 2024, which will also mark the WCHS's 50-year anniversary. There was much discussion about Ed's valuable contributions and excellent job as editor.

The next meeting will be at the Depot, meeting with the Depot steering committee at 6 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Barstow, Secretary