Whitman County Historical Society

Board Meeting

June 17, 2026

6:00pm Executive Board/Depot Committee

7:00pm Board Meeting

6:00pm the Executive Committee met with the Depot Steering Committee to discuss what was happening at the Depot. No decisions were made.

7:00pm Board Meeting

The Meeting was opened by Jeff at 7:05pm.

Call to Order:

Present: Mark Clinton, Jeff Peitilla, Jon Anderson (via Zoom), Janet Barstow, Denise Mahnke, Linda Hackbarth, Krista Boyd (via Zoom), and Carol Larsen.

Absent: Pat Flansburg and Wendy Blake

7:05pm-7:40pm the Board had a phone call with Andrew Wortman from Allied Rail Corporation. Andrew is a train car restoration expert. He is willing to come to Pullman as a consultant on our rail cars. It would be 4 days and the fee would be around $5,000.

After discussion with the consent agenda a motion was made by Janet to approve the consent agenda a presented. The motion was seconded by Carol. Motion Passed.

New Business:

The proposal from Allied Rail Corporation to come to Pullman as a consultant was discussed. A motion was made to approve the $5,000 visit by Janet and seconded by Denise. Motion Passed. John Mark will get ahold of Mr. Wortman to schedule it.

The replacement of the concrete vaults at the depot was discussed. Concrete forms will be redone and then we will be able to order the vaults. This will include curbing to protect the building. A motion was made to use the residual funds from the electric work of $20,000 by Janet and it was seconded by Denise. Motion Passed. The time line for the replacement will be the end of July.

Linda proposed that Me and My truck be used to remove some debris from around the building. It is estimated that it will take 2 loads at $350 a load. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Janet to too look into a contractor to dispose of the debris if not we will use Me and My Truck to remove it. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

The Staley House proposal was discussed. We had lots of questions. Does the family want us to manage the house or turn it over to the WCHS. It was determined that the only potential option is the gifting of

the artifacts. It was agreed that Jeff and Val will get a letter to the Staley family saying, thank you for the offer but we will decline accepting the Museum.

The Innovia Foundation was discussed. Treasurer Jon stated that he likes their experience and investment strategy. He would like the board to strongly consider transferring the Endowment fund to Innovia from Edward Jones. Nolan would be a great source to how to grow the Endowment. Innovia has a 7% return on investment while Edward Jones is around 4%. Jon made a motion to transfer the WCHS Endowment Trust to Innovia after looking at the By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Linda. Motion Passed.

Items from the Board:

Janet Brought up Val's overtime. After some discussion Jeff is working on the next steps.

Janet discussed the Masonry at the Print Museum. Pioneer Water Proofing Company is looking at it.

The meeting was Adjourned at 8:12pm

The next Board Meeting will be July 15th at 7:00pm at the Perkins House.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Clinton, Vice President