

Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting  
2-19-2025 via ZOOM

Board members present: Mark Clinton, Val Gregory, Pat Flansburg, Wendy Blake, Carol Larsen, Linda Hackbarth, Denise Mahnkey.

Denise Mahnkey moved, Pat Flansburg seconded, and the board approved the consent agenda.

Due to technical difficulties, discussion of the Endowment report (Edward Jones) with Bob Lothspeich has been postponed to the next meeting.

Linda Hackbarth moved, Carol Larsen seconded, and the board approved that Greg Partch has the support of the Whitman County Historical Society in nominating Alex McGregor for the Washington State Historical Society Gray Award.

Alex has long supported many projects in several area communities, and those efforts are very much appreciated.

Linda Hackbarth moved, Carol Larsen seconded, and the board approved a resolution for the use of up to \$120,000 of WCHS funds raised through donations, pledges, and other grants toward the PDHC's train car restoration project.

Carol Larsen moved, Denise Mahnkey seconded, and the board approved that PDHC be approved to contract with Avista, Roach Construction, and Electrical Contractors Northwest as needed to expend the funds donated for the purpose of rehabilitating and improving the electrical systems for the Pullman Depot.

In addition, the time donated by MacDonald-Miller and by Sequoia for engineering consulting is gratefully acknowledged. Linda will work on getting some formal documentation on that, should it be needed for future reporting, grant writing, etc.

It has been reported that repeated maintenance requests have been submitted by Alex to the Gladish building facilities managers regarding the lack of heat and the storage room electrical outage/malfunction. Val and Mark will follow up. This situation underscores the importance of finding another suitable space before our lease ends.

Val reports that an outdated mailing list was used for the Bunchgrass mailing—resulting in nearly 200 more copies mailed out than there should be, and in several issues being returned at our expense. The Board has determined that delivery of the Bunchgrass should be limited to current members. Mark and Val will contact the editorial staff and volunteers for the magazine in order to develop improved procedures and communication regarding maintenance of the mailing list.

The next meeting will be at the Perkins House. (3-19-2025)

***The location of the April Meeting has been changed*** to the Perkins House (4-16-2025) due to the fact that Janet has reported that she will not be available to open the Print Museum for the scheduled Board Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wendy Blake, Interim Recorder