

Whitman County Historical Society Board Meeting

1-15-25 via ZOOM

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

Linda Hackbarth moved, Wendy Blake seconded, and board approved the consent agenda. Val Gregory will ask Jon Anderson to clarify insurance costs.

USDA Rural Development Grant: The Depot is applying for funding for railcar renovation. To clarify remaining details for the application, the Board voted unanimously to allow Pullman Depot Heritage Center to apply for a USDA Rural Development Grant as a property of the Whitman County Historical Society. The Society will be responsible for administering the grant and Executive Director Valoree Gregory will sign any official papers.

Linda Hackbarth reported that a new estimate to renovate both cars is about \$170,000 (less than the original one) with an additional \$17,000-\$19,000 for windows for the passenger car. Thus far, approximately \$67,000 has been received in donations.

Due to the exceptional amount of time Val Gregory has spent on the application, the board feels she should receive comp time for this.

Linda Hackbarth asked if a separate line item for "freight room income" could be added to the financial report. She also reported that new gutters have been installed and hooked up to the old downspouts, which were proven to be inoperable. She is working with the City of Pullman for a new drainage system that will not deposit directly into the river.

Jeff Pietila asked if the surplus funds from the Stateline Project had been transferred to the Chatters Museum Roofing Fund. Val will follow-up.

Krista Boyd reported that Ashley at the county fair office would like to send letters to county 3rd grade teachers. A Schweitzer Engineering representative asked if they could provide some sessions about the history of electricity at the School House during the fair. There was no opposition.

Janet Barstow reported that fundraising ideas are being organized for the Chatters Museum Roof Repair.

The next meeting will be at the Depot, with the executive board meeting with the steering committee at 6 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Barstow, Secretary