

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF THE HILLSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Board of Directors of the Hillsboro historical Society (HHS) held its monthly meeting for September on September 7.

In attendance: Kathleen Blair, Joseph Britton (by phone), Ewa Czarnojanczyk, Steve Dobrott, Val Hildreth-Werker (by phone), Scott Kennicutt, Nichole Trushell, and Robin Tuttle. Karen Mast was unable to attend,

The meeting was convened at 9:05 a.m.

New member of the Board. Dobrott introduced Jeff Forbes and recommended the Board approve him to fill the interim position on the Board vacated by Linda Velarde. The position will be filled for a full three year term at the next election. On a motion by Blair, seconded by Kennicutt, Forbes was unanimously selected to serve.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2024 were adopted on a motion by Blair and seconded by Trushell.

Financial Report. Czarnojanczyk noted that the first bill for the construction of the Carriage House had come due and most was paid from monies donated anonymously to the Carriage House fund. The HHS has 34k in the ledger at present and the Board may consider the balance sheet as final for the month. Trushell moved and Blair seconded a motion to approve the Financial Report.

Hildreth-Werker asked whether the insurance renewal for the Museum will include a change to include coverage for the Carriage House. Dobrott and Trushell will inspect the insurance document to identify what changes are likely needed. Kennicutt mentioned the importance of getting a fire suppression quote,

Publications Report. Britton reported that the next edition of GZP will publish in November and will include the text of the presentation on El Refugio delivered by Britton at the HCC. It will also include: a list of Givers to the HHS from Trushell; a list of books in the Museum gift shop from Blair; and an updated list of the Board of Directors of the HHS and its advisors.

Black Range Museum Report. Blair noted that Phil Connors is scheduled to present “Old Man Mountain” at the HCC. The section of Highway 27 the BRM/HHS is responsible for is due for clean up in November. Tuttle provided contact information to Blair for a possible presentation on the history of Elephant Butte Dam. Kennicutt noted the Gift Shop has a QR code product stamp for use.

Building Committee. Dobrott reported considerable progress on the construction of the Carriage House – foundation, walls, roofing. With the use of tongue and groove, wood and steel, it will have a carriage house ‘look.” The first payment of \$38,000 has been made; we are expecting another draw in the near future.

Steve and Nichole have developed an Assessment Plan for the “Extraction of the Mountain Pride from the Lincoln County Courthouse” in anticipation of its permanent transfer to the HHS from the History Museum of New Mexico (NMNM). The Department of Cultural Affairs and the NM Historic Sites will be responsible for disassembling and reconstructing the door at the Lincoln County Museum in order to remove the coach and will bare those costs. Dobrott and Rand Berger will visit Lincoln to get the measurements of the coach as prescribed by Doug Hanson (of the Wagon Wheel Shop in South Dakota). Hanson, is being considered for the disassembly, transport and reassembly in Hillsboro. Doug has recommended conservation treatment of the coach at his shop in South Dakota. He will provide HHS with an estimate of the costs of this process for consideration by the board. The final decision on the transfer of the Mountain Pride will be up to the Board of Regents (BOR) of HMNM. At the

appropriate time, The Executive Director will present the proposal to the BOR.

The project is becoming well-known within the State. Trushell and Dobrott are continuing to work with State representatives and senators about potential Capital Outlay financing. They will meet with the South Central Council of Governments (Jay Armejo, Executive Director) next week. Lt.Governor Howie Morales is reported to be interested.

Landscaping. A committee of Trushell, Kennicutt and Steve Morgan will develop a landscaping plan for the grounds between the Carriage House and the Museum.

HHS Website. Trushell continues development and expansion of the HHS website, including coordination with the Kingston Ghost Town Museum as a resource. Barbara Lovell is interested in contributing to the cemetery section of the website. Trushell recommended providing the website address to visitors. It is hillsborohistoricalsociety.com. NOTE: Tuttle printed the address on slips to hand to visitors. It is at the front desk.

Czarnojanczyk suggested that the Research Room computer be available to visitors and members to access archival photos. Hildreth-Werker added that the website might note a contact for members or visitors to propose materials for inclusion in the archives .

Future Coordination and Fund Raising. Britton noted that Hillsboro's 150th anniversary in 2027 might be an opportunity to promote the Museum, HHS plans for the Courthouse site and other priorities. Hildreth-Werker agreed and added that planning should be a priority. She suggested the Board consider inviting The Friends of Pat Garrett to the opening of the Carriage House.

Kennicutt suggested the possibility of a future soiree for donors for fundraising. Czarnojanczyk added that an auction might also be considered.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 on a motion by Kennicutt, and seconded by Hildreth-Werker