

Edom Historical Society and Museum Board Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2025

Call to Order: The Edom Historical Society and Museum Board meeting was called to order by President James Wilhite at 2:01 PM at the Edom Museum.

Roll Call: The following were present: President James Wilhite, Vice President Angela Cade Hill, Treasurer Barbara Crow, Director Gary Hays, Secretary Ann Nelson. Glenda Carter Brown, David Crow, and Craig Blackmon attended as visitors. We had a quorum present.

Review and approve Agenda: The agenda to be discussed was circulated prior to the meeting. Agenda Item 7 was added: Discuss adding a historical information marker, but not the official Texas Historical Marker, to Edom buildings. The agenda was accepted as amended.

Minutes from Previous Board Meeting: Motion to accept the June 1, 2025 minutes, **Hays motioned, Crow seconded, motion approved.**

Financial Report: Treasurer Crow presented the YTD for the Edom Historical Society account with a balance of \$1292.76. The only change from the last meeting was a payment to TXU for \$19.06. The YTD for the Museum account shows a balance of \$5433.22, which includes the receipt of a \$488.70 donation via PayPal and a payment to Independent Insurance for \$928.50. Motion to accept the financial report, **Hill motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

Motions:

1. Motion, based on legal opinion from District Attorney Tonda Curry, that the Edom Historical Society no longer consider entering into any MOU contract with the Edom Area Chamber of Commerce (EACC) or with anyone else, and that the Edom Historical Society request the EACC to remove their file cabinets and signage from the EHS Museum, including the Visitor Center. **Crow motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

Old Business:

Insurance for Edom Historical Museum. A first payment of \$928.50 was made to Independent Insurance Professionals, Inc. Independent Insurance Professionals, Inc has a 2nd payment listed for July instead of November. Crow will contact them to clarify.

MOU between EHS, EACC, EVC Crow presented a legal opinion from District Attorney Curry regarding the MOU. DA Curry indicated that allowing another entity to have meetings and use the museum for storage could be viewed as a violation of the Deed Reservation. DA Curry indicated that a display of local business pamphlets or a pop-up tent for a festival would not be a violation of the Deed Reservation.

Grants: Wilhite and Hill will continue to work on estimates, details, and prioritizing for window replacement, insulation, entrance modification (removing the entrance ramp and expanding the width of the entrance steps), shelving, replacing the air conditioner with a mini-split, making the side door, which has a ramp access, easier to open. The estimate will be available to use for applying for grants and/or asking for donations.

New Business:

Story Board Status: Several story boards are scheduled to be printed and available for installation by July 3. The plan is for the story boards to be installed 9" from the ceiling and uniformly spaced. As more story boards are finalized and printed, they will be added to the display.

Stair/Ramp Repair/Replace: This was added to the list of items to improve the museum.

Fundraising & Upcoming Events: We are planning to have a July 5th Ice Cream Social event to reopen the Museum.

Silent Auction: Glenda Carter Brown generously donated 90 hand-made cards, valued at \$4 to \$5.50 per card, a box, valued at \$15.00, a perpetual calendar, valued at \$25, and a rocking horse, valued at \$80. Our initial plan is: for a \$5 donation - 1 card as a thank-you, \$25 donation - six cards or the perpetual calendar as a thank-you. We may hold a silent auction for the other items. Thank you, Glenda!

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be a membership meeting on Sunday, July 27th at 2 PM at the Museum.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn. **Wilhite motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.** Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary