

## **Edom Historical Society and Museum Board Minutes**

August 24, 2025

**Call to Order:** The Edom Historical Society and Museum Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Angela Cade Hill at 2:03 PM at the Edom Museum.

**Roll Call:** The following were present: Vice President Angela Cade Hill, Treasurer Barbara Crow, Director Gary Hays, Secretary Ann Nelson. Tracy Archer, David Crow, Bernard Boucher, Sue Lott, Craig Blackmon attended as visitors. The EHS welcomed Suzie Bass, Cindy Cooper, and Lisa Mays Gonzalez from the Van Zandt County Historical Commission (VZCHC). We had a quorum present.

**Review and approve Agenda:** The agenda to be discussed was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Minutes from Previous Board Meeting:** Motion to accept the June 29, 2025 minutes, **Hill motioned, Crow seconded, motion approved.**

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Crow presented the YTD for the Edom Historical Society account with a balance of \$1392.21. The bank has started charging a monthly fee of \$2.95 for paper bank statements. The YTD for the Museum account shows a balance of \$4037.22. Motion to accept the financial report, **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

### **Motions:**

1. Motion to formally set the Edom Historical Society board meeting/membership meeting as the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2 PM. **Crow motioned, Hill seconded, motion approved.**

### **Old Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** Volunteers are needed for this committee by Nov 1. Any member interested in volunteering may contact Ann Nelson, Secretary.

**Storyboard Status:** Timeline storyboards are expected to be completed soon.

**Grants:** An indoor security camera was added to the list museum improvement items.

**Fundraising and Upcoming Events:** EHS plans to have the Museum open for the Edom Art Festival, Oct 11 and 12. EHS will have ice tea, lemonade, and cookies available, and accept donations.

### **New Business:**

**EHS Status:** The EHS's 501(c)(3) public charity status has been reinstated as of May 2025. The EHS may now receive tax-deductible gifts. The EHS will be filing an application for a Texas tax-exempt status (Crow/Nelson). Once granted, the EHS will file an application for a Texas sales tax permit.

**Forms:** Update donation form to reflect 501(c)(3) status (Crow/Nelson), create a form to track volunteer hours for documentation when applying for grants, create Accession/Deed of Gift forms for receiving donated items to the Museum.

**Policy:** A policy is needed for accepting, not accepting donated historical items to the Museum.

**Deed of Gift Form:** If EHS donates a digital copy of our archives to the VZCHC, the EHS will need to complete the VZCHC's Deed of Gift document which will give them permission to use the donated digital archives.

**Survey:** Discussed and considered a survey to define Museum property lines. Barbara and David Crow will be doing further research at the courthouse. Also, an estimate of cost is needed, with the possibility that a survey company may donate some or all of the cost. The suggestion was made to contact Stanger Survey.

**Displayed quilts, dresses:** Angela Cade Hill discussed the history of the signed, white quilt and the blue dress, which were items from her family. Barbara Crow discussed the maple leaf quilt. Other than the accession/donation form describing the nurse uniform, no other history is known.

**Hosting a VZCHC meeting:** The EHS will coordinate with the VZCHC. The VZCHC meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Social Media:** Further discussion needed about social media for the EHS & Museum, administrators

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be a board meeting on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Museum.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn. **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.** Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary