

Edom Historical Society and Museum Board Minutes

June 1, 2025

Call to Order: The Edom Historical Society and Museum Board meeting was called to order by President James Wilhite at 2:02 PM at the Edom Museum.

Roll Call: The following were present: President James Wilhite, Treasurer Barbara Crow, Director Gary Hays, Secretary Ann Nelson. Lee Shults, 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. The agenda was accepted.

Minutes from Previous Board Meeting: Motion to accept the March 16, 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 \$1311.82. The YTD for the Museum account has a balance of \$5618.37. Motion to accept the financial report, **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

Motions:

1. Motion to accept quote from Independent Insurance Professionals, Inc. for property, general liability, and excess general liability insurance for the Edom Museum, to be paid in two payments. **Hays motioned, Crow seconded, motion approved.**
2. Motion for Treasurer Crow to contact banks and other financial institutions for available options, such as a CD or money-market funds, to allow unallocated funds to earn interest. **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**
3. Motion for Treasurer Crow to ask the County Attorney if the 5/31/25 MOU, if enacted, would violate the Deed Reservation. **Hays motioned, Nelson seconded, motion approved.**
4. Motion to adopt the amended by-laws. **Crow motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**
5. Motion to adopt the Resolutions portion of the by-laws, as discussed and modified. **Hays motioned, Crow seconded, motion approved.**

Old Business:

Insurance for Edom Historical Museum. Independent Insurance Professionals, Inc. quoted a premium which was less than the Hibbs-Hallmark quote for liability and building insurance. We agreed to accept the Independent Insurance Professionals, Inc. quote with the option to pay in two payments.

MOU. A May 31, 2025 draft MOU was discussed. The MOU was updated to clarify that the Edom Museum operates solely as a museum and that the Edom Historical Society and Museum is independent from the Edom Area Chamber of Commerce and is not to be used as an Edom Visitors Center. Crow presented a legal opinion recommending that in order to prevent any violation of the Deed Reservation, no agreement should be made between the Edom Historical Society and the Edom Area Chamber of Commerce regarding providing outdoor display space for business brochures and pamphlets. Because of the size limitations of Edom, Wilhite discussed the mutual benefit to the Edom Museum and the Edom area businesses to work together to support the local community, as well as bringing foot traffic to Edom.

By-Laws. Crow presented amended by-laws and added a resolutions section. The by-laws contain a description of the structure of the organization, and the resolution section contains agreement for year-to-year operations. The resolutions will allow for members and Board to vote on changes for dues and other non-structural actions without

needing to formally amend the by-laws. Pro-rated membership dues were discussed, and it was decided pro-rated dues would overly complicate determining voting membership.

Grants: Wilhite and Hill will continue to work on estimates and details for window replacement, entrance modification, shelving. The estimate will be available to use for looking for grants. No action has been taken on this since the last meeting. David Crow suggesting removing the entrance ramp and expanding the width of the entrance steps. There is a side door ramp which meets accessibility requirements.

Scan/Archives: Historical paper documents in the Museum need to be preserved. Nelson requested scanning documents and creating a repository for them on the website and to ask the Van Zandt Historical Commission to add the scanned copies to their digital archives as a back-up. Any decision about making the documents accessible for public internet searches was postponed, but the decision was made to start the scanning and archiving process.

New Business:

Story Board Status: The Edom Historical Society has raised about \$2600 for the printing of 9-10 story boards, showcasing Edom's history. The goal is to have these story board printed and displayed in the Museum before July 1. Lee Shults requested to have the Edom Civic Theatre included in the Edom history displays.

Donations: The Edom Historical Society has the last 4 remaining copies of the Edom Red Book. It was suggested that it would be an appropriate "thank-you" for a donation of \$1000 or more. The Edom Cups and Edom Tote Bags belong to the Edom Area Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming Events: We are planning to have a July event to reopen the Museum.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be on Sunday, June 29th at 2 PM at the Museum.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn. **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.** Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary