

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

September 28, 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. Sue Lott, Craig Blackmon, Tim West, Carolyn West, Lee Shults, Larry Murphy, Lena Curtis attended as visitors. We had a quorum present.

**Review and approve Agenda:** The minutes, financial report, and agenda to be discussed were circulated prior to the meeting. The agenda was amended to add the two following 1) New Business: Provide an exterior bulletin board to share local event information and 2) a motion to add an approval process for appointing a registered agent to the Resolutions. **Nelson motioned to approve the amended agenda, Hill seconded, motion approved.**

**Minutes from Previous Board Meeting:** Motion to accept the August 24, 2025 minutes, **Crow motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

**Financial Report:** Treasurer Crow presented the YTD for the Edom Historical Society account with a balance of \$1713.18. 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 \$2570.22. \$1180.00 was transferred from the Museum account to the Edom Historical Society account to pay for three timeline storyboards and two Edom business history storyboards. Motion to accept the financial report, **Nelson motioned, Hill seconded, motion approved.**

### **Motions:**

1. Motion to add the following to the Edom Historical Society Resolutions to comply with the Texas Business Code stating that the Edom Historical Society must maintain a registered Agent and Office:  
  
5. Be it resolved that: The Edom Historical Society will maintain a registered Agent and Office. The registered agent will be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board. Changes to the agent will be filed by the Secretary with the Texas SoS. **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

### **Old Business:**

**Grants:** Hill will research requesting grants from Lowes and Home Depot.

**Storyboard Status:** Timeline storyboards and historical Edom businesses storyboards completed and installed. Remaining storyboards will be smaller and displayed on the two pillars in the Museum.

**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.

**Nominating Committee:** There were no volunteers for this committee. The Board appointed **Hill, Crow, and Hays** to the Nominating Committee.

**Historical Markers:** These markers would document Edom area buildings, previous structures, and portions of the Edom Cemetery that had a historical non-cemetery use. **Crow, Hill, and Hays** will research.

**Forms:** The Edom Historical Society has new donation forms stating that it is a 501(c)3 and its EIN information. There are updated Accession and Deed of Gift forms. The forms will be kept in the Museum school desk.

**EHS Tax Exempt Status:** Based on being a 501(c)3 organization, the EHS applied to the state for tax exempt status. The Texas Comptroller/Exempt Orgs sent the EHS an email stating that the EHS qualifies for tax exempt status, effective September 19, 2025.

**Museum Survey:** Crow researched the property lines for the Museum back to 1901 deeds. The County Clerk will provide help in researching back before 1901.

**New Business:**

**Donation Policy:** A policy is needed for accepting, not accepting donated historical items to the Museum and to define the Edom area boundaries. Hays suggested that Edom area should be defined as the Edom school district boundaries. A policy would need to follow the bylaws and the articles of incorporation. The decision was made to revisit this in January 2026 and appoint an Artifacts Committee in January.

**Texas Franchise Tax Account Status:** The registered agent and officer information is not current and needs to be updated.

**Hosting a VZCHC meeting:** The VZCHC meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. As part of their community outreach effort, they would like to have a meeting in Edom. The EHS will host them at a meeting on Oct 21 at the Edom Community Center and include a tour of the Edom Museum.

**YouTube, Facebook, Social Media:** The EHS has a YouTube channel for posting short videos on the history of the Edom area. The intent is to generate interest in visiting the Museum and Edom historical sites. We discussed moving from a private to a public Facebook account. A private account was originally selected because it eliminates ads being displayed on the timeline. A private account cannot be changed to a public account. With a new public account, we would have to start over getting followers. Because of the difficulties involved the decision was made to stay with the private account. **Hill** will look into adding an Instagram account.

**Bulletin Board:** A magnetic white board was removed from the front of the Museum in early 2025 because it distracted from the Museum's façade. This has led to event information being stapled to the Museum's façade.

**Blackmon** and **Wilhite** will re-examine using a bulletin board or some other solution to share local events.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be a board and membership meeting on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Museum. The board meeting will be a short, pro forma meeting.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary