

Edom Historical Society and Museum Board Minutes

November 23, 2025

Call to Order: The Edom Historical Society and Museum Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Angela Hill at 2:07 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. EHS Members Lee Shults and Kevin Hill attended. A quorum was present.

Review and approve Agenda: The minutes, financial report, and agenda to be discussed were circulated prior to the meeting. The agenda was approved.

Minutes from Previous Board Meeting: Motion to accept the October 26, 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 \$2513.38. The YTD for the Museum account shows a balance of \$2178.72. Motion to accept the financial report, **Nelson motioned, Hays seconded, motion approved.**

Motions:

1. Motion to accept the bid from Chop's Handyman Service (Cody Lewellyn) for \$570 to repair and replace the front steps and to request a bid from Chop's Handyman Service for modifying the side door. **Crow motioned, Hill seconded, motion approved.**
2. Motion to change the December Board Meeting to December 21 at 2 PM. **Crow motioned, Hill seconded, motion approved.**

Old Business:

Grants and Projects: Crow reported that, for ADA compliance, the door knob on the side door needs to be replaced with a lever-type handle. Crow will investigate purchasing an ADA compliant sign. Crow received a ball-park estimate of \$1700 to \$1800 to install a 1 ½ ton mini-split.

Storyboard Status: Nelson will contact Georgia Christensen for the status of the remaining storyboards.

Fundraising and Upcoming Events: Hill is coordinating EHS Museum participation with the Edom Christmas Tree Lighting Event on December 6.

Nominating Committee: Hill, Crow, Hays, and Nelson have confirmed interest in retaining their board positions.

Historical Markers: Volunteers to do deed and historical research of Edom business buildings and donations for plaques are needed.

Museum Survey: Crow will contact a surveyor for an estimate to determine the exact boundary lines of the EHS Museum.

Texas Franchise Tax: The Edom Historical Society needs to designate a new agent. Crow will confirm that EHS has a Texas WebFile account and password.

Texas Sales Tax: Crow/Nelson will look into the details of collecting sales tax. Collecting sales tax would allow the EHS to sell items for fundraising versus relying on donations. Collecting sales tax involves additional record keeping and filing reports with Texas.

New Business:

Front Steps Repair: Via text messages, the board decided to make the repair of the front steps a priority. If possible, the repairs should be completed prior to the December Edom events. Hays received a bid from Chop's Handyman Service for the repair.

Fundraising and Upcoming Events: Hill/Hays are coordinating a December 7 at 2 PM event for sharing stories about Edom's history.

Fundraising Letter: Crow/Hill are planning a letter campaign to encourage donations and memberships.

Buy A Brick: Hays discussed creating a brick paved area in front of the steps. For a donation to the EHS or Museum, the donor's name would be engraved on the brick. Hays brought a sample engraved brick and will further research the cost.

Coffee Mugs for Donations: Hill will research the cost of Utilitarian Pottery coffee mugs from a company in Longview which uses clay from the Murchison area. The mugs would be used as a thank you item for a donation.

Spaghetti Dinner: In the past EHS had a fundraising annual spaghetti dinner and also a chili dinner at the Edom Community Center. Is there community interest to re-launch either of these?

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Sunday, December 21st at 2 PM at the Museum.

Adjourn: Hill motioned to adjourn, Hays seconded, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Nelson, Secretary