

NPRHA Board Meeting

March 31, 2026

Meeting began at 5:00 p.m

Attending: Tim Trudnowski, Bill Taylor, Dave Hillard, Ladd Ziegfried, Dean O'Neill, John Nemnich, Don Golde, Steve Fuller, Bill Zidel, Kent Sullivan, Steve Joyner, Doug Shearer, Andy Breeding.

Toppenish Convention: Doug Shearer covered a general update on the plans. They are looking to spend as much time as possible at the Museum. With 1500 feet of track, steam power, original freight cars, and two cabooses the photo opportunity is huge. A dinner at the Museum is under discussion as well as recreating some advertising photos in the NP diner.

The hotel/casino offers a wide range of food selections in every price range. There is a list of local sites to visit being developed which could include some winery tours.

There was some discussion of a veterans panel but there was some uncertainty surrounding the number of participants and their age. 1970 is getting to be a few years ago.

A group number for the hotel reservations will be on the NPRHA web site this week.

I.T. Department: Kent Sullivan reports that the addition of Danielle Lyons to the staff has yielded very positive results with web site updating and helping with social media. She has contributed significantly to controlling our labor cost savings.

The ransomware attack created a slow down but not fatal as it provided an incentive to upgrade the server we were using. We have moved to migrating files over to Google using free nonprofit capacity. A simplified explanation of the ransomware attack happened due to a lack of updates over a period of years which left the old system undefended.

Membership records are currently being backed up to alternate locations.

Treasurer position: Dave and Ladd are working the transition. Dave will be working with the Quick Books people to assist in account transfer to Ladd.

Grants: Eight grant applications were received by the Grant Committee. Seven totalling \$27,940 were accepted by the Committee. Tim Trudnowski suggested the Board approve that amount by vote. Motion was made to that effect and passed unanimously. Dave Hillard reported that the NPRHA had \$197,000 in assets available. Some discussion regarding total grant budgeting took place with a decision to approach that subject at the convention board meeting. The Grant

Committee was recognized for doing due diligence in review of the grant requests. It was noted that these grant requests were very well written.

Artifact Acquisition: Dean O'Neill requested we list upcoming acquisitions.

Bill McKown Collection

Washington Historical Society NP AFEs

Peter Ripleger logging slide collection

Large collection of NP Annual Reports from the Burlington Historical Group

Emery Roberts Collection

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

John Nemnich

Secretary