

The Anderson Island Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
In the Archival Building Library

CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM - APPROVED 7:08 PM

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - APPROVED

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES -

March 11, 2026 – Minutes (based on reported changes) APPROVED

Members Present: Keri Ashford (Treasurer, Appointed), Rick Anderson (Archives), Bob Bedoll (President), Todd Billett (Treasurer), Jon Field (Public Information), Serena Frank (Events), Rikki McGee (Secretary), Carol Paschal (Vice-President), Lee Ann Whitaker (Education), Ed Stephenson (past president).

Member Absent: Ed Stephenson (Past President and Archival Building Manager).

President's Report – Bob Bedoll

- **Treasurer Transition.** Todd is retiring as of May 1, 2026. Keri Ashford, who worked 26 years for the State of Oregon in Procurement, has been invited to replace Todd. Recently retired to AI.
 - As per the Bylaws, Keri's appointment shall be made for Todd's unexpired term upon board approval. Motion: Keri takes on the role of Treasurer as of May 1, 2026, serving out Todd's term through December 31, 2027. APPROVED.
 - MOTION: The board designates Keri Ashford, replacing Todd Billett, as an official signer for the three Key Bank Accounts, effective May 1. APPROVED. Key Bank Accounts that Keri Ashford has permission to access:
 1. 327101333
 2. 320016959
 3. 470681008186
 - Next steps.
 1. Once minutes are produced, the board will email-approve them (since no meeting occurs before May 1).
 2. Keri, Carol, and Bob will go to Key Bank with the minutes to complete signer changes. After May 1, checks signed by Todd may not be cashable.
 3. Keri and Todd will work together to hand off responsibilities. Debit card conversation is deferred until Keri takes over.
- **Coop 2 Roof Repairs.** Glenn Robb put together pricing/material options. Asphalt Presidential Shake is about \$25k (the least expensive, with a less historic look). Cedar

Shingles about \$52k (most expensive, most historic look). Stone-coated steel shakes (as on the archival building): about \$42k. Materials should be appropriate for historically designated buildings: the Farmhouse and the Barn. Grant funding is possible. All roofs on buildings will need to be replaced within the next 10 years.

- ACTION: Bob will convene a Coop 2 Roof Committee to investigate further.
- **250th Anniversary Activities.** Dave McGoldrick would like to read the Declaration of Independence at Salmon Bake.

Vice President/Ways & Means – Carol Paschal

- **Garden.** The new greenhouse coordinator has plans for multiple sales throughout the year. The first is on April 11, from 1 to 3 PM. The second is on Farm Day, May 1. Concern about raccoon tracks in the garden between two chicken coops.
- **Insurance**
 - Concern about fire extinguisher recertification cost (~\$100 per extinguisher); plans to confirm whether it is required.
 - Accessibility signage question raised based on insurer recommendation (symbol + sign height guidance); needs follow-up.
 - Replacement batteries in emergency exit signs is in progress.
- **Verizon Tower.** No update.

Museum Store – No Report

- The gift store is now open, and phone books are on sale.

Archives- Rick Anderson

- **Heritage Apple Orchard.** 57 trees planted. Leftovers to be sold at upcoming plant sales. An irrigation system is under consideration for the orchard.
- **Hazel Heckman Book, *Blackjack Country*.** No publishing solution yet. Exploring [Blub self-publishing](#) as a possibility.
- **Red Cross Training.** Free for those managing the Archive building during emergencies and others involved in the *AI Prepares* program. The Archive Building may be designated as a hospital because of the nearby helicopter landing site. Free training on May 16, 23, 30th, 2:30 to 4 PM.
- **ASSHL Archives Course.** Rikki is taking a professional development course through ASSHL and intends to submit a proposal to the board suggesting an archive plan and process.

Treasurer's Report – Todd Billett

- **Financials.** Memberships and Garden fees are still coming in. Carol would like the financial report organized with what needs to be reported to streamline reporting processes

- **March Financial Notes.**
 - Memberships are increasing but still lack full membership renewal.
 - Capital Expenses, March expenditures
 - New Pierce County tax for surface water.
 - Debit Card – deferred until May

Education –*Lee Ann Whitaker*

- **Docents.** No new docents.
- **Sign-in Books.** Mostly full, cannot find affordable, so they will be made.
- **Farmhouse.** In the past, children have been given a pencil with a provided scavenger hunt. Because the pencil sharpener broke, children can now choose a miniature farm animal to take home.
- **Monthly Potluck and Program.** No April event, unless requested

Public Information –*Jon Field*

- **Advertising.**
 - The store’s signboard can be used to post events with Jeff’s approval. Jon will contact Serena (who has access to board materials) as needed. Note: the sign has two sides, one for the Fire Department and the other for public announcements.
 - Other communication channels include Sounder, Facebook, email, and more. Submitted blurbs should be timely and specific rather than a rehash of previous ads.
- **Apple cider is still available.** Approximately 33 frozen gallons remain. These can be used for Share and Care. If interested, a group could sell at the Plant Sale.
- **Membership.** Increasing to a total of 261 for 2026 (184 paid, 77 life members).
- **Phishing.** Noted phishing email incident impersonating Bob; members reminded to be cautious.

Community Services and Events – *Serena Frank*

- July 11 Tanner Planning – in progress.
- Easter Hunt – successful.
- May 6 Line Dancing, Sue Anderson
- May 23 Farm Day – Possible demonstration of Nisqually cedar weaving; honorarium out of budget. MB or Sara Mossman might help.
- July 4 Salmon Bake - Need coordinator.
- July 11 – No Rules Performance
- July 25 – Blues Concert
- August 8 – Island Bands Concert, Community Center (evening)
- August 8 – Dorothy Waltz Surprise Birthday Party (day)

- August 15 American Show
- September 19 – Apple Squeeze

Operations and Facilities – Bob Acting

- **Completed.**
 - Heritage Orchard. Completed project with 57 trees planted. Need irrigation.
 - Coop 2 water leak.
 - Pruning the orchard.
 - Caulk Coop 2 windows.
 - Water heated and restrooms.
- **Next priorities.**
 - Sawmill wood parts are being replaced.
 - The front parking lot will be re-graveled.
 - Need more propane tanks and fencing as per the designated emergency center (possible helicopter landing site).
 - The community garden needs irrigation.

Archival Building Report – Jon Field for Ed Stephenson

- **Updates.** Mini split filters changed, outdoor walkway lights need replacing, back door leak.

Secretary’s Report – Rikki McGee

- **Board Member Contact List.** Rikki will compile and distribute.
- **Task List.**
 - MOTION: April Financial Report serves as the first quarter report. APPROVED
 - First Aid kit inspection is not assigned to anyone. Bob will handle.
- Newsletter
 - **Volunteers.** Everyone will answer three questions for a ‘what ‘s-in-it-for-me’ volunteer recruitment article.
 - **Board Member Highlight.** Highlighting Todd’s service and introducing Keri.

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

- **Designated Accessible Parking space for the Garden.** Suggest that a designated space be marked with a sign outside the north garden by the kitchen in Coop 2. Carol and Gail will help designate a parking space.

ADJOURNED: 8:52 PM

Rikki McGee, Secretary
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