

BARRON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PIONEER VILLAGE MUSEUM
BOARD MEETING
June 25, 2025

President Mark Dobberfuhl called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Others present: Sherry Harvey, Charles Knapp, Brenda Christenson, Kathy Krug, Connie Riplinger, John Peter, Bob Lentz, Katrina Sonnentag, Elise Kallenbach, Tammy Schutz, John Mitchell. Absent: Sue Patrick, Nicole Muchinski, Bev Candler, Jeff Martin.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathy Krug and second by Sherry Harvey. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the May Minutes was made by Brenda Christenson and second by Kathy Krug. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Brenda Christenson.

Director's Report was given by Tammy Schutz. Received \$1500 from Fortnightly for children's program. Met with Wisconsin Tourism at his suggestion going to track where visitors come from. A few volunteers have questioned why we don't have "no smoking" signs or have the designated areas marked.

Committee Reports:

Acquisition - Looked at a bunch of Boy Scout materials, hoping to take a library table and chair from Cumberland, spice canister for the General Store.

Welcome Center - We have completed an acceptable use restriction agreement between the State of Wisconsin and the museum for the collateral/security for the \$90,000 we received from the State. Motion that the Board President be granted permission to sign the Use Restriction Agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and Barron County Historical Society, Inc., was made by Charles Knapp, second by Connie Riplinger. Motion passed. John Mitchell has a phone call with Governor Evers Policy Director.

Fundraising - Got \$5,000 from Caterpillar. A lot of leads, not much else.

Site Planning - Nothing.

Maintenance - Report given by John Peter. Mowed new area, north end is growing nicely, south end is not growing hardly anything.

Outreach - Nothing.

Kitchen - Still think Refrigerator and freezer need to be replaced, current ones are still having issues, cost of repairs are not worth it for the age of the appliances; still need a microwave too. Discussed some other updates needed to the CAB. Kathy Krug makes motion to do redecorating and replacing kitchen appliances in CAB, second by Charles Knapp, motion passed.

Building Committee - Been working with NW Builders and they are about ready to bid out dirt work. Do we want to put the slab in this year? Plumbing (and probably heat) under the slab will

need to be put in and won't be able to be moved after that; slab can be done in fall and then built on in the spring no problem.

Old Business: **Timblin Land:** Andy Humphry is interested in buying Timblin land for \$5,000 an acre; Lauren Humphry is also interested in the land but no price discussed, he owns the land the easement is on; need to get easement clarified or look at buying land for a driveway; need to talk to the 2 Humphrys more; motion made to appoint Tammy Schutz, Mark Dobberfulh, Bob Lentz, and Charles Knapp to a committee for the sale of the land with approval for sale being done by email to the rest of the board, second by Brenda Christenson. **Name change:** How do we feel about this? Would start with focus groups. John Peter is opposed to any change other than to Pioneer Village & Museum or Pioneer Village & Museums. Elise suggests maybe something like Pioneer Village & History Center. More time and proposals needed.

New Business: **County Road signs:** Bob Heil still willing to help with this.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Lentz, second by Kathy Krug the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on July 23, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Katrina Sonnentag - Board Secretary