

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 at 9:00am
Breitung Community Center or Zoom (see email for how to join)

Call to Order/Roll Call: President Nancy Larson at 9:04am

In-Person Attendance: Nancy Larson-President, Linda Folstad-Secretary, Louise Gately-Vice President, Diane Meehan-Treasurer, Alan Kilberg-Board, Dick Peyla-Board, Cookie Bonicatto-Board, David Desannoy-Board, Cliff Koski-Board, Richard Hanson-Board (arrived at 10am)

Virtual/Phone Attendance: Linda Haugen-Board, Mary St Onge-Board

Absent:

Approval of Agenda and Action Items:

Motion by Alan Kilberg to approve the meeting agenda with addition.

2nd by Diane Meehan

Motion carried 11-0

Meeting Minutes: June 18th, 2025

Motion to Approve

Motion by Dick Peyla to approve the minutes of the June 18th, 2025, meeting as presented.

2nd by Louise Gately

Motion carried 11-0

Treasurer's Report:

- June 2025

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:

Motion by Alan to accept the Treasurer's reports as presented.

2nd by Louise

Motion carried 11-0

Motion to Authorize Disbursements: June 2025

Motion by Linda Folstad to authorize the disbursements for June

2nd by Cookie Bonicatto

Motion carried 11-0

Executive Committee: See attached

***Committee Reports:** (Per By-Laws, the President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.)

Standing Committees and Leaders:

1. St. Louis County Historical Society: Linda Folstad – See attached
2. Cemetery-on-Line: Karen Officer – *No report*
3. Communications: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
4. Depot Museum and Trains – Facility Management: Linda Folstad, Linda Haugen, Nancy Larson – See attached

*Train Cars

*Settlers Cabin

*Depot Museum Management

5. Fire Hall Management: Leone Graf, Nancy Larson – See attached
6. Fund Raising (Pledges, Capital Campaign): Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
7. Grant Writing: Nancy Larson – See attached
8. Membership: Linda Folstad – 97 Active Members as of 6/30/2025

Project Committees and Leaders:

1. Annual Meeting: Louise Gately, Linda Haugen, Nancy Larson – *No report*
2. Events/Programs: Louise Gately, Nancy Larson – See attached
3. Life Stories Video History: Cookie Bonicatto, Nancy Larson – *No report*
4. Nominating: (Appointed in July) – *No report*
5. Past Perfect Web Edition: Nancy Larson – *No report*
6. Soudan Mine Memorial: Elaine McGillivray – See attached

Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:

Motion to Approve Reports

Motion by Diane to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2nd by Alan

Motion carried 11-0

New Business:

- Approve Resolution - IRRR Culture and Tourism (Fire Hall and Past Perfect):
Motion by Louise to approve the application and accept the funds
2nd by Linda F.
Motion carried 11-0
- Approve submission of grant requests to AEOA and acceptance of funds (Fire Hall):
 - Business Energy Retrofit Program (BER)
 - Downtown Business Rehabilitation (DBR)Motion by Alan to approve the applications and accept the funds
2nd by Cliff Koski
Motion carried 11-0
- Approve T-Mobile application and acceptance of funds (Fire Hall):
Motion by Diane to approve the application and accept the funds
2nd by Cookie
Motion carried 11-0
- Approve submission of grant request to Minnesota Historical Society Large Grant Program and acceptance of funds (Fire Hall):
Motion by Linda F. to approve the application and accept the funds
2nd by Louise
Motion carried 11-0
- Approve Lake Country Power Operations Round-Up grant request (Past Perfect):
Motion by Diane to approve the application and accept the funds

2nd by Alan

Motion carried 11-0

- Approve Gunderson Trust Fund grant request-City of Tower (Past Perfect):

Motion by Cliff to approve the application and accept the funds

2nd by Cookie

Motion carried 11-0

- Nominating Committee: Terms are up this year for Louise, Dick, Cookie and Richard. Members have the option to re-up for another three-year term or roll off. Louise will inform the board of her fellow committee members at the August board meeting.

Motion by Alan to nominate Louise to chair the committee again this year

2nd by Mary St Onge

Motion carried 12-0

- Develop a TSHS Collections Management Policy - Establish ad hoc committee: Volunteers to serve on the committee are Richard, Linda F. and Nancy.
- Annual Meeting: Committee will have a report next month on the plan for this year's meeting.
- Tower News Donation request: The Tower News has changed hands and the current building is being sold. Nancy, Linda F. and Louise toured it, and they have bound books of newspapers from the 1800s which we requested they consider donating to the Historical Society. We are currently awaiting a reply.
- Coverage of the Depot: Please contact Linda F. with your availability.

Adjourn:

Motion by Louise to adjourn at 10:26am

Motion carried 12-0

Next Board Meeting is August 20, 2025, at 10:00am.

****Please review the attached most recent committee list and responsibilities (located at the end of the board packet). Contact Linda F. if you wish to be added or removed from any of the committees listed.***