

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**TSHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Wednesday, August 20th, 2025 at 10:00am**  
**Timothy Tomsich Community Center or Zoom (see email for how to join)**

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** President Nancy Larson at 10:07am

**In-Person Attendance:** Nancy Larson-President, Linda Folstad-Secretary, Louise Gately-Vice President, Diane Meehan-Treasurer, Alan Kilberg-Board, Dick Peyla-Board, David Desannoy-Board, Cliff Koski-Board, Mary St Onge-Board

**Virtual/Phone Attendance:**

**Absent:** Cookie Bonicatto-Board, Richard Hanson-Board, Linda Haugen-Board

**Approval of Agenda and Action Items:**

Motion by Alan Kilberg to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Louise Gately

Motion carried 9-0

**Meeting Minutes:** July 16th, 2025

**Motion to Approve**

Motion by Louise to approve the minutes of the July 16th, 2025, meeting as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Folstad

Motion carried 9-0

**Treasurer's Report:**

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**Motion to Accept Treasurer's Reports:**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan

Motion carried 9-0

**Motion to Authorize Disbursements:** July 2025

Motion by Mary St Onge to authorize the disbursements for July

2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff Koski

Motion carried 9-0

**Executive Committee:** *No activity*

**\*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 – 122 Active Members as of 7/31/2025

### **Project Committees and Leaders:**

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

### **Committee Reports Questions/Discussion:**

#### **Motion to Approve Reports**

Motion by Mary to approve the Committee Reports as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan

Motion carried 9-0

### **New Business:**

- Approve submission of grant request to Minnesota Historical Society Small Grant Program for \$20,000 of a \$25,000 project and acceptance of funds (PastPerfect Archivist):  
Motion by Linda F. to approve the applications and accept the funds  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Peyla  
Motion carried 9-0
- Approve Mortenson Family Foundation application and acceptance of funds (Unrestricted - Fire Hall):  
Motion by Louise to approve the application and accept the funds  
2<sup>nd</sup> by David Desannoy  
Motion carried 9-0
- Approve Cleveland Cliffs Foundation application for \$20,000 and acceptance of funds (Fire Hall):  
Motion by Alan to approve the application and accept the funds  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Cliff  
Motion carried 9-0
- Approve Minnesota Power Foundation application for \$20,000 and acceptance of funds (Fire Hall or PastPerfect Archivist Project):  
Motion by Mary to approve the application and accept the funds  
2<sup>nd</sup> by David  
Motion carried 9-0
- September 19 Private Depot Tour – Reminder that the vintage car group will be here: They will arrive around 11am then go to lunch after. Looking for volunteers to be available to answer questions and speak with them for a short while.
- Clean Out Fire Hall: The Board wants to save the big desk and the jail bars from the building and are looking for storage options. Dick Peyla said that they have space but will need help with moving the

items into it. The jail bed has no value so will be disposed of. There was discussion of keeping the cradle and baby buggy and displaying the cradle in the pioneer cabin and the buggy in the Depot. The fire hose will also be stored in Peyla's building until we determine if we have the hose needed for the future 1891 James Tippet steam engine display.

- August 29 Closing for Depot – Short discussion and suggestion for staffing next season: As of August 18<sup>th</sup>, there had been 1,192 visitors. Board determined that it will be a hard close for the season on August 29<sup>th</sup> but if people are there volunteering, they can open doors to allow visitors to come through as they want to. There was discussion of the possibility of having a contractor/staff person to work the Depot on the weekends next year to ensure it can always be open during times that are hard to find volunteers for.
- Train Engine Update: There is a bid for \$2,000 to complete the train 1218 engine welding project. Al Kilberg is exploring the ore-hauling car possibility for the train depot campus. Nancy will discuss the idea with the City officials at the City Project Committee Meeting and inform Al. The City is the decision maker as to acceptance of train cars.

### **Adjourn:**

Motion by Louise to adjourn at 11:37am

Motion carried 8-0

***Next Board Meeting is September 17, 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.***