

# Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

## Meeting #139

**Date:** 03-03-2026      **Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Canyon County Administration Building (111 N. 11th Ave, Suite 130, Caldwell)

**Commission Members:** George DeFord, Jr (Attorney), Nikki Gorrell (Anthropologist), Dr. Rachel Miller (Historian), Bruce Poe (Architect), Zachary Wesley (Attorney), Chelsee Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

### Commission Members in Attendance:

- George DeFord, Jr.
- Nikki Gorrell (*virtual*)
- Rachel Miller (*virtual*)
- Bruce Poe
- Zach Wesley (*virtual, arrived at 6:40pm*)
- Chelsee Boehm

### Other Attendees:

- Nicki Schwend, Director, Canyon County Parks
- Mike Farrell, Assistant Director (*virtual*)
- Amber Lewter, Canyon County DSD
- Cody Carlson, prospective HPC member
- Mari Harris, prospective HPC member

### Call to Order

- o Meeting began at 6:37pm

### Welcome and Introductions

- o Everyone introduced themselves. Cody Carlson and Mari Harris, both prospective new HPC members introduced themselves to the group and talked about their professional backgrounds.
- o Chelsee let everyone know that Bruce Poe has decided to stay with the HPC for one more term, so he has officially been reappointed by the BOCC.

### Approve Minutes

- o Meeting #138, January 13, 2026. **Rachel motions to approve the minutes. Zach seconds.**

**AYES:** Rachel, Zach, Nikki, Chelsee

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Motion passes.**

### New Business

- o **ACTION: Elect Officers**
  - Chelsee suggested that the Commission table this item until the full Commission is present, including new members.
- o **ACTION: Approve comments on DSD Land Use Applications CU2024-0023 &**

## **CU2024-004**

- Amber Lewter, planner from DSD, introduced the applications. Applications are for gravel extraction permits at three parcels. Historic maps show that these parcels show that the Oregon Trail ran over this year. Chelsee suggested to the HPC that they submit comments to the applications so that applicants and other parties know that Oregon Trail crossed that area. Canyon County has no legal power to require any surveys or other mitigation.
- Rachel motioned to approve the comments previously sent out the HPC for review. Nicki seconds.

**AYES:** Rachel, Nikki, Chelsee

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Zach

**Motion passes.**

## **Old Business**

- Mitigation Updates
  - Gateway West project is underway, and Canyon County Parks is working with the Bureau of Land Management and SHPO to follow this process and provide consultation. Chelsee offered to share any information with HPC members who might be interested.
  - For the Verbena Ranch subdivision going in on 10th Avenue in Caldwell, the HPC received \$8,000 from Toll Brothers as commensurate mitigation. Canyon County has signed a contract with TAG to complete a survey of 20 farm steads and one commercial property. This project is underway.
- Grant Updates
  - FY25CLG Grant
    - TAG is conducting survey of Parma. Project is underway.
  - FY26CLG Grant
    - Application for \$10,000 was submitted to SHPO at end of January.
  - HPC Grants
    - The Melba Valley Historical Society has slightly changed the scope of their project. Instead of four signs outside the museum, they are going to do three signs outside the museum, and other, smaller signs throughout the city.

## **Public Comments**

## **Adjourn**

- **Zach motions to end the meeting, Rachel seconds.**  
**AYES:** George, Rachel, Zach, Chelsee  
**NOES:** None  
**Motion passes.**  
**Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm**