

Canyon County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #143

Date: 07-07-2026 **Time:** 6:30 pm

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

Commission Members: Dr. Cody Carlson (Historian), George DeFord, Jr (Attorney), Nikki Gorrell (Anthropologist), Mari Harris (Historian), Dr. Rachel Miller (Historian), Bruce Poe (Architect), Chelsee Boehm (Canyon County Staff Rep.)

Commission Members in Attendance:

- ☒ Cody Carlson
- ☒ George DeFord, Jr.
- ☒ Nikki Gorrell
- ☒ Mari Harris
- ☒ Rachel Miller
- ☐ Bruce Poe
- ☒ Chelsee Boehm

Other Attendees:

- ☒ Nicki Schwend, Director, Canyon County Parks
- ☒ Alexis Matrone, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- ☒ Alan Hochhalter, Canyon County Historical Society
- ☒ Jay Erb, American Legion Post 18

Call to Order

- o Meeting began at approximately 6:30.

Welcome and Introductions

- o Everyone introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes

- o **ACTION:** Meeting #142, June 2, 2026. **George motions to approve the minutes. Mari seconds.**
 - AYES:** Nikki, George, Cody, Rachel, Mari, Chelsee
 - NOES:** None
 - ABSTAIN:** None
 - Motion Passes.**

New Business

- o Alexis Matrone, the Certified Local Government Coordinator and Preservation Planner with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), shared the background and benefits on what it means to be a Certified Local Government (CLG). She explained SHPO's relationship with the National Park Service, and how Certified Local Governments benefit from that program.

Old Business

- o Mitigation

- No updates
- o Grants
 - Waiting to hear about Historic Properties Mitigation Bank (HPMB) grant
 - Parks staff presented the HPC FY27 grant recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners in June. We will know what got funded when the FY27 budget is signed.
- o Youth Membership
 - No updates
- o Events
 - The Idaho Archaeological Society Conference is at College of Western Idaho on Saturday, October 17. The call for papers will go out soon

Adjourn

- o **Cody motioned to adjourn the meeting. George seconds. Meeting ends at 7:29pm.**