

Euharlee Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 6:00pm

Euharlee City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Melissa Moore - Chair, Betty Jane Tilley, Lovako Patterson, Molly Moore, Communications Intern, and Katie Gobbi, Community & Economic Development Director, in attendance. Stever Zuber and Luke Young, not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 25, 2025

Minutes approved unanimously.

Staff Report: Quadrennial Certified Local Government (CLG) audit upcoming. Extension granted by HPD for submission deadline to June 10, 2025. Members encouraged to complete training through the National Alliance for Preservation Commissions YouTube videos.

Historic Building Uses Update

- **Granary:** Ongoing discussion; DDA leading strategic planning.
- **Commissary:** Plans for retail/commercial space. Potential partnerships with Jake's Cannery and another entity for grab-and-go meals. Interior renovations required, including removal of cabinetry and appliances.

Privately Owned Historic Properties Update: Concerns raised over historic properties in disrepair within downtown historic district. Emphasis on proactive efforts by HPC in partnership with code enforcement. Importance of setting an example through city-owned property upkeep.

New Business:

DDA T Mobile Grant Opportunity: Ms. Gobbi presented the Euharlee Downtown Development Authority's \$50,000 grant application proposal to include covered bridge lighting (installation would require 3-inch holes in bridge boards) and installation of 5-7 black swing benches to match existing benches.

Ms. Moore called for a motion to support the DDA T-Mobile Hometown Grant application. Ms. Patterson motioned. Ms. Tilley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Recap from City Retreat: Ms. Tilley reported on the recent City Council retreat. There were successful discussions and priority-setting and strong communication fostered among city entities. The Commission reviewed City priorities from the retreat, including:

- Intersection improvements at Milan Bridge, Euharlee Road, Five Forks Road, and Covered Bridge Road.
- Revitalization of the Granary.
- Sidewalk connectivity challenges.

Next Steps: A few commission members to meet with City Manager James Stephens on **June 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM** to discuss:

- Cow shed and building maintenance concerns.
- Potential purchase of the blacksmith shop.
- HPC's role in addressing privately owned historic properties.

Members to prepare questions and concerns ahead of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.