

WEST HIGHLAND FOUNDATION MEETING MINUTES

Location: Fayette Area
M & T
Conference
Room

Date: 09/19/25

Time: 12:00 PM

Facilitator: Valerie Branyon

Agenda items

1. Call to order.
2. Prayer
3. Reading of minutes from 06/10/24 meeting
4. Motion, 2nd to accept minutes, with no necessary corrections.
5. Treasure Report
6. Old Business
 - Website (Improvements-what do we think about showing Google Map View as opposed to Google Earth View on the Home Section of the Website)
www.westhighlandfoundation.com
 - History Section for the website – has been added
7. New Business

Today, September 19, 2025, the West Highland Foundation Committee Board Members met in the ALDOT Fayette Area M & T Conference Room, Fayette, Alabama.

All board members were present:

Valerie Branyon, President

Katelyn Vann, Vice President/Website Committee

Andrea McCollum, Secretary

Nichole Morgan, Treasurer/Website Committee

Alexis Wilson – Board Member/Website Committee via zoom

Kat Stowe - sat in at the meeting

In today's meeting, Valerie Branyon Prayed and called the meeting to order, and Andrea McCollum read the minutes from the previous meeting. Katelyn Vann motioned that the meeting would come to order and Nichole Morgan 2nd the motion.

Nichole Morgan, Treasurer, gave an update on the West Highland Historical Foundation account.

Old Business:

- The website was discussed. (None of the suggested improvements were made. Scott currently works for The Alabama News Wire. We need to see if he can put the history and show us how to add the minutes and treasure information on the website.
- Valerie Branyon thanked Alexis Wilson for writing the history to be added to the website and that was used to contact Representative Aderholt's Field Representative.
- We did not receive the Alabama Power Grant that was applied for in June 2024; however, it did allow us to have a phone meeting with their representative for our area. Alabama power's Representative contacted Valerie Branyon on August 26th, and I was invited to attend a dedication for one of their basketball courts and to tour New Heights in Tuscaloosa. She informed me that they were interested in buying West Highland years ago, with plans to do the same as they did in Tuscaloosa with New Heights.
- We have gained possession of the deed

New Business:

- The lease with the Board of Education – the Bus Shop will remain on the property, and they would like to have a 5-year lease agreement. This motion was approved by Katelyn Vann and approved by Nikki Morgan.
- Update via Facebook to inform everyone that WHHF does have possession of the deed. Alexis Wilson was asked and agreed to write the update. Valerie Branyon would like to approve the update before it is posted.
- Fundraisers Discussed – Frog Level, the Fair, Tic Toc, Homecoming, etc.
- Discussed getting a receipt book for donations received.

- FAÇADE Improvement Grant
- Community Clean Up Day
- Churches – (1st Baptist and New Grace)
- Volunteers
- Floyd Rodgers, Jr. -Brother to brother
- Athletic Department at Fayette County Middle and High Schools
- Dates ?
- Potential Meeting Next Week
- Getting Timber Cut to generate additional funds
- Meeting with Representative Aderholt's Representatives at 10 AM Monday morning at the WHHF Property
- Reach out to Bryan Brinyark for more funding
- Innovate Alabama

Motion to adjourn by Katelyn Vann and 2nd by Nikki Morgan September 19, 2025, 1:17PM.

Andrea McCollum, Secretary

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