

Sibley County Historical Society

700 Main Street

Henderson, Minnesota

August 2026 Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 27, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Joe Strobel, Shirley Black

Absent: Alice Strobel, Del Quast, Diana Kroells

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:35 pm.

Agenda: Approve/deny Agenda

President Joy Cohrs presented the agenda.

Minutes: Approve/deny July 2026 minutes:

No Discussion, additions or corrections.

Motion to approve the Secretary minutes was made by Diane Fredin, second by Becky Briggs. All in favor. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny August 2026 Treasurer Report

Reports prepared by Treasurer Diana Kroells, were presented by President Joy Cohrs.

Discussion: A question about the plan for the rest of Charles' donations was asked. Joy will check with Eldrene and see if there are still microfilming costs. Diane noted that she does stay in contact with Charles on his donation usage. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Becky Briggs. Verne Schlueter second the motion. All in favor. Passed.

Old Business

Matt McPherson – Guitar display. On August 6th, Matt McPherson visited the museum with two marketing people and met with Joy. He had asked for a glass case as well as insurance on the guitar he would like to display in the museum. Joy has informed him that neither would be provided. They reviewed possibilities of displaying the guitar in the museum. The Board discussed the relevance of the guitar to Sibley County. Mr. McPherson is a Henderson native. The board discussed referring him to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in New Ulm, MN.

Internet/Phone. Tuesday after the fair, Metronet installed their line for phone/internet. Currently the old email is still in place.

Sibley County Commissioners' Budget Meeting – August 11, 2026. Joy prepared a report for the commissioners and presented it to the Commissioners at their budget meeting. The report included facts, such as our current financial state, the roof project and other surrounding museums and the funding they receive from their county. Joy reported it was a good visit. As of this meeting, Joy had not heard back on their decision of the amount of funding for the museum.

Boulevard Weeds. Joy called the City of Henderson. The Boulevard belongs to the City of Henderson. Joy was informed that the weed situation will be brought up at an upcoming City Council Meeting.

A bill for weed spraying was paid. Wriley Carrigan had sprayed the weeds around the museum.

Weeding Volunteers. Teresa and Jeff Kleist volunteered to do various yardwork tasks around the museum.

New Business

Additional Museum Hours Requested. We received a request from Pat Steckmann of Henderson, who is looking at getting more visitors into the area, she asked if there would be an option for the museum to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Discussion: The volunteers are busy on those days doing their tasks at the museum. We will keep our schedule of being open on Sundays at this time.

Request for volunteers.

Joy asked the board to consider doing volunteer work on Sundays as Museum Guides.

Chair Lift thought – Verne Schlueter brought up for discussion the consideration of having a chair lift for the basement stairs. Discussion by the board found that most felt it might be too tight to get a chair lift in.

COLLECTIONS

- 1.) **Donation of an Antique Cooper's Hoop Driver by Verne Schlueter.** The donation will be accepted.
- 2.) **Old documents from 1859 were received.** Joy questioned if it belongs in the museum. There was no decision.

Drain cleaning. Joe Strobel will bring a snake to clean out the drain

Barn Book. Shirley brought up the barn books. Explaining that this might be a way to generate money for the projects at the museum. Shirley pointed out that she has had several people inquire about the books. There was an inquiry at the Fair as well about the books being available. Discussion. Not felt to be feasible at this time.

Adjourn –The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm. Diane Fredin made the motion to adjourn; Becky Briggs seconded the motion. Passed.

Next Meeting is September 24th.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley A. Black, Secretary

