

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Rod Cury, Mary Lawson, Eleanor Armes, Brad Lawson, Donna Altizer, Corey Whited, Gaynelle Thompson Mary Lawson, Don Marr

- I. Call to order
The meeting convened at 5:05pm.
- II. Minutes
The minutes of the 3/23/26 meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. Financial report
Lynna reported that we have not received a current statement, but our balance with the town was \$5,715.87 as of last month.
- IV. Update on house restoration
Town manager Don Marr reported that the house's restoration has been approved by the insurance company. He believes that once restoration begins, it can be completed within a four-week period. He requested this from the construction company so the house can be reopened in time for this year's Freedom Festival and July 4th activities. He also added that at least two new wall electrical outlets will be added to the front room.
- V. Exterior flowers
Rod reported that the window box liners have been taken to Kim's for adding this year's flowers; also, he gave Kim seeds, so the zinnias will be ready for planting in the rear this spring.
- VI. Fourth of July celebration plans
The board concurred that we should have a fourth of July celebration at house. It was agreed that the event will take place from 5 to 9pm. Several ideas for activities were discussed including music, historic recitations and/or dress in period costumes, lawn games, a patriotic photo backdrop with props, food, a pet parade and glow sticks/amenities.

Greg agreed to coordinate the music. Rod agreed to contact Railway Depot and LouLou's about participating by making food available. Lynna agreed to prepare the promotional flyer. Donna shared that she has become a member of the VA250 committee, which gives her online access to printable and other promotional materials. Planning will

continue at the next meeting.

VII. Section House Heritage Society

Mary suggested Ginger Branton be asked to head up organization of our planned Heritage Society; Lynna offered to propose this to Ginger.

VIII. Other business

Corey suggested that we plan a separate re-opening event for the house. The board concurred that this event should take place on October 10, to coincide with the date of the house's original opening.

Corey also brought a shelved plexiglass display unit from the Salem VA for use in the house for holding brochures and other promo materials.

Next Meeting Date—Monday, 5/18/26 at 5:00pm in the Town Hall conference room

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
April 21, 2026