

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026

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

- I. Call to order
The meeting convened at 5:00pm.
- II. Minutes
The minutes of the 6/28/26 meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. Financial report
Rod reported that the Section House account with the town currently has approximately the same balance it had last month. However, most of this is insurance money being held temporarily in the account. Our actual available balance is closer to \$5,200.
- IV. Update on house restoration
Rod reported that the restoration project is going well and that the house should be ready for us within a few weeks. He requested that some of the old flooring could be kept and possibly used to construct a panel or display. He also shared that the entire interior will be repainted; he will also inquire as to whether the water fountains will need to be reinstalled or whether they can just be left out.
- V. Grand Reopening
Because of restoration delays, Lynna advised that we postpone this event, possibly until early next year, because of the amount of time it will take for us to get the house's contents back in order. She asked that in the meantime everyone think about how we will organize moving everything back in.
- VI. Christmas tree lighting
Lynna advised that we should still be able to host this year's town Christmas tree lighting, which will be an outdoor event.
- VII. Section House Heritage Society
Lynna asked Mary to collaborate with Ginger Branton on how to proceed with the Heritage Society; Mary agreed.

VIII. Other Business

Donna showed everyone her *Big Book of Trains*, a children's book with many appealing illustrations of trains, railroad workers and buildings. She has inquired with Vance Graphics about having some of them copied to display for children's activities in the house.

Rod reported that the zinnias in the patio planters had been mistakenly cut down by the town moving crew. Joey Christian will plant marigolds in their stead.

Lynna suggested we still think about purchasing and installing some large canvas sun shades for future outdoor events.

Next Meeting Date—Thursday, 8/27/26 at 5:00pm; the location will be announced later.

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
July 29, 2026