



Gorge Community Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 29, 2025
Zoom

Present at Meeting

Branden Buel Jill Burnette Megan Davis Lynn Everroad
Chris Moore Lisa Neuburger Nate Reagan Brad Schrick
Gil Sharp Leslie Wetherell Tucker Szymkowicz

Absent from Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Foundation president Gil Sharp. He called for action on the minutes of September 29, 2025. M/S/P

FINANCIAL REPORT: Current assets are at \$10.3M. \$30,000 has been transferred from the Schwab SRI account to the main account due to the spending down of the Salvador Gift Fund. The Fund has stopped receiving proposals until a re-evaluation in 2026.

DONOR ADVISED GRANT APPROVALS: Four donor-advised grants totaling \$7,680 were presented for approval. (attached) M/S/P

2025 FALL DESIGNATED FUND GRANTS: Sixteen grants totaling \$70,000 were presented for approval. (attached) M/S/P

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee met on October 22. The committee has determined its responsibilities to include staff evaluations and management; analysis of staffing needs and hiring. They also requested a retirement package for Lynn of \$15,000 paid over three fiscal years. M/S/P

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Tucker reported on the investment committee meeting on September 3 with Nate, Branden, Gil, Rob McCormick, Jim Coats and Tucker in attendance. He said that Ferguson Wellman was not predicting the need for a major change in the fund structure; that assets over \$10M would be charged at .5%; and that on average the Foundation fund was averaging 10% annually.

BUDGET REVISION REQUEST: Gil requested an increase to half-time for Tucker at \$57,000 annually. The budget impact for both the retirement package and the wage increase would be \$9,000 in the current fiscal year to be funded from reserves. M/S/P

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE: There have been thirty-two rsvp's to date.

BOARD REPORTS: Lisa and Chris both talked about the visit to Millie Moore by Lisa and Tucker which went very well. Millie suggested a later-in-the-day donor event with wine or cocktails in the future. Tom asked other board members for help in supporting the Families in the Park sponsorship and potentially other area events.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Tucker reported on his outreach to other nonprofit agencies, the great visit to Moro, the need for more small meetings with potential donors setup by board members or donors and his attendance at community events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be December 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Everroad
Operations Director

Grants
October 27, 2025

FUND	GRANTEE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	Exempt
Automatic Grants				
Rhuben C. Elder Museum Fund	Hood River County Heritage Council	acquirement and preservation of	\$2,400.00	n/a
		items relating to pioneer days/ pioneers of Hood River Cty		
Anna Ellen Moe Red Cross Fund	American Red Cross	disaster relief in Hood River Cty	\$1,800.00	yes
Chuck Beardsley Memorial Fund	Gorge Community Foundation	operating budget	\$1,100.00	yes
Optional Grants				
Cascade Locks Historical Museum Fund	Cascade Locks Historical Museum		\$1,700.00	yes
Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue Fund	Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue		\$1,700.00	yes
Friends of Hood River Adopt A Dog Fund	Hood River Adopt A Dog		\$1,000.00	yes
Jim Roth Fund	The Next Door, Inc.		\$6,200.00	yes
Rowena Wildlife Clinic Fund	Rowena Wildlife Clinic		\$4,500.00	yes
United Way of Hood River Fund	United Way of the Columbia Gorge		\$15,000.00	yes
Katherine Mills Nat'l. Scenic Area Fund	Columbia River Gorge Commission		\$2,000.00	n/a
Friends of the HR Library Hazlehurst End.	Friends of HRC Library/HRC Library Dist		\$14,000.00	n/a
Hood River County Library Foundation	Hood River County Library Foundation		\$3,100.00	yes
Mosier Community School Fund	Mosier Community School Foundation		\$11,000.00	yes
Providence Hospice of the Gorge Fund	Providence Hospice of the Gorge		\$2,500.00	yes
Thrive Hood River Fund	Thrive Hood River		\$1,100.00	yes
St. Raphael Education Foundation Fund	St. Raphael Education Foundation		\$900.00	yes
Approved: October 27, 2025				
TOTAL			\$70,000.00	

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