



# Minutes

## Board Meeting

June 1, 2026

Zoom

### **Present:**

Gil Sharp, Megan Davis, Tom Schaefer, Brad Schrick, Chris Moore, Nate Reagan, Branden Buel, Lisa Neuburger

**Not Present:** Lynn Everroad, Jill Burnette, Leslie Wetherell

### Call to Order/Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Foundation President Gil Sharp. Brad motioned to approve the minutes from June 1, 2026. M/S/A.

### Moment of Silence for Lynn:

The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Lynn.

### Finance Report:

Current assets are just over \$11 million. The 2026 fiscal year ended slightly over budget despite operational and personnel changes. The 2027 budget was approved, including \$18,000 designated for strategic planning initiatives to be determined midyear. M/S/A.

### Grant Approvals:

A total of \$124,925 in grants was approved as listed. During the meeting, the Schaefer Gift Fund added an additional \$25,000 to Lynn's Fund. M/S/A.

### Director's Report:

Tucker updated the Board on major accomplishments and developments outlined in the attached Director's Report. He also discussed the opportunity to engage outside financial managers and the potential need for new Board members.

### Board Mission Moments:

Megan shared information about a potential new donor advisor. Lisa shared information about a potential new Board member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Nicolet

# Executive Director Report

## Gorge Community Foundation Board Meeting

**Date:** August 24, 2026 @ 12PM | **Prepared by:** Tucker Szymkowicz

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### Highlights Since Last Board Meeting

- Brief summary of major accomplishments and key developments.
    - Families in the Park - 2 more concerts. Would love a fund holder or board member to say a few words.
    - Steighner Artists Fund - \$10k donation received
    - Potential new fund - Carolyn Morrison - Stock transfer
    - Branden Two IRA's gifted to GCF as primary beneficiary. Total = \$540k - Board needs to determine the best use of these funds as they are unrestricted. Mary and Tucker suggest that these funds be added to Lynn's Fund.
  - Significant opportunities or challenges.
    - **Tom's sister's Foundation update** - Tom
    - **Foundant** - Will restart conversations with Foundant and Tom
    - **Systems Transition (Ongoing)** Mary has made tremendous progress on updating Lynn's systems however the organization as a whole needs to undergo an overhaul of our operating systems and this is time consuming work. We have uploaded some of the fund information to GDrive but need to transfer all of it from Lynn's files and my Gdrive account.
    - **Outside Financial Management Agreement** - Agreement is being edited by Financial Team but the intention/goals behind it is supported by the Finance Team members.
    - **Moro Event** - Fall 2026 postponed to Spring
  - Important board actions requested.
    - Settle on Board Strategic Plan Dates for Fall 2026
    - Active Board Development - Replace Lynn's Board Seat and 2 more members?
    - Meeting day/time? Leslie can never make our calls due to school and Branden has frequent conflicts, is there a better option?
    - Review/Edit Board Membership Expectations and Onboarding Process - Committee or Assignment?
    - Request for introductions to new potential board members or fund holders.
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**GRANTS**  
July 20, 2026

| FUND                           | GRANTEE                                     | PURPOSE                     | AMOUNT              | Exempt |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| MacMillan Music Award Fund     | Columbia Gorge Orchestra Association        | MacMillan Music Award       | \$1,000.00          | yes    |
| Burton Dane                    | Columbia Center for the Arts                | general                     | \$215.00            | yes    |
| Burton Dane                    | Hood River Area Trails Stewards             | general                     | \$210.00            | yes    |
| Schaefer Gift                  | Gorge Youth Lead                            | general                     | \$10,000.00         | yes    |
| Wind Moore                     | GCF Operations                              | general                     | \$25,000.00         | yes    |
| Wind Moore                     | Sherman Co Athletic Foundation              | general                     | \$10,000.00         | yes    |
| Wind Moore                     | Medical Tems Int (Tigard)                   | general                     | \$15,000.00         | yes    |
| Fotheringham/York              | Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation | general                     | \$600.00            | yes    |
| Fotheringham/York              | The Next Door                               | general                     | \$900.00            | yes    |
| Fotheringham/York              | WAGap                                       | general                     | \$900.00            | yes    |
| Nunamaker Family               | Safe Space                                  | general                     | \$900.00            | yes    |
| Nunamaker Family               | Hood River County Christmas Project         | general                     | \$1,500.00          | yes    |
| Nunamaker Family               | Hood River Adult Center                     | Meals on Wheels             | \$1,500.00          | yes    |
| Nunamaker Family               | Books for Kids                              | general                     | \$1,000.00          | yes    |
| Hood River County Library Fund | Hood River County Library Fund              | general                     | \$3,200.00          | yes    |
| Helping Hands Against Violence | Helping Hands Against Violence              | general                     | \$3,000.00          | yes    |
| Halliday Family Fund           | Helping Hands Against Violence              | general                     | \$5,100.00          | yes    |
| Halliday Family Fund           | Parkdale PTO                                | Scholarship Fund            | \$2,600.00          | yes    |
| Friends of Wonder Works        | Friends of Wonder Works                     | general                     | \$800.00            | yes    |
| Laura Douglas Schaefer         | The Mt Hood Town Hall                       | Sponsorship of The Balladir | \$1,200.00          | yes    |
| Hosiosky                       | Gorge Community Foundation                  | Lynn's Fund                 | \$10,000.00         | yes    |
| Hosiosky                       | Mountain Top Wildlife                       | general                     | \$1,000.00          | yes    |
| Hosiosky                       | SPC Mabry James Anders Memorial Foundation  | general                     | \$1,000.00          | yes    |
| Hosiosky                       | Silent Wave Horse Rescue                    | 2 months training costs     | \$5,000.00          | yes    |
| Hosiosky                       | Rowena Wildlife Clinic                      | general                     | \$1,100.00          | yes    |
| Neuburger Ciochetti            | Rowena Wildlife Clinic                      | general                     | \$1,400.00          | yes    |
| United Way                     | United Way                                  | general                     | \$16,000.00         | yes    |
| Chris and Julie Smith          | FISH Food Bank                              | general                     | \$1,200.00          | yes    |
| Chris and Julie Smith          | Hood River Adopt a Dog                      | general                     | \$1,200.00          | yes    |
| Chris and Julie Smith          | The Next Door                               | general                     | \$1,200.00          | yes    |
| Chris and Julie Smith          | Mid Columbia Habitat for Humanity           | general                     | \$1,200.00          | yes    |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |                                             |                             | <b>\$124,925.00</b> |        |