

Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition, Inc.
Meeting • 10:00 a.m. • Thursday, January 30, 2025
Great Bend, Kansas

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Brad Penka, Jeannie Stramel, Lisa Goodheart, Kuhn, Neil Unrein, Kris Heinze, Linda Crowder, Tony Mahoney, Rosslyn Schutlz, Mary Anne Stoskopf, Amanda Gaddis, Christina Hayes, and Charma Craven was attending via Zoom.

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Brad called the meeting to order at 10:20am.
2. **Call for Additions to the Agenda** – no additions requested to add to the meeting
3. **Treasurer’s Report - Jean Stramel** – Jean gave the financial report we have a Balance of \$38,175.32 and the Profit/Loss sheet of Net income of \$1,112.36. There is still an off amount of \$2,000 – since the switch over to QuickBooks. The bank balance at the end of January was \$36,855.90.
 1. Brad pointed out that In-Kind needs to be an in and out of the Jean put the in and out of In kind under Fees/Technical. A discussion was held about how the expenses and income needs to register for In-Kind giving for this board.
 2. It was also questioned on Retained earnings category – not sure what it is, but it should be able to be zeroed out.
 3. Memberships are down \$1000 from 2023. Membership Committee might need to get on the phone. Linda would like to discuss and have a meeting (Christina and Jeanie and Linda are on the committee)
 4. Lisa motioned to approve the financial Report as presented, Charma 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
4. **Introduction of Members**- we went around the room and made introductions and welcomed Mary Anne as a potential new member.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Christina presented the minutes from Nov 14, 2024 that she needed to add herself to the meeting and that an S to Michelles last name and fix the spelling of Mankato on the minutes. Neil motioned to approve the minutes with the two fixes. Kris 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
6. **Chairman’s Report - Brad Penka**
 - a. KCAIC Grant – need to get this prepared and ready ASAP!
 - b. Upcoming Presentations – Brad is interested in putting together more presentations for 2025 now that he doesn’t have to work on the 150th in the future.
 - c. Volga German SAC Update – Neil will give an update on this in the events portion.
 - d. Brochure Contract- Contract has been filled out and the invoice was sent all electronic this year. Christina and Kris said that it went to spam this year and it was very strange so it might be in the spam.
 - e. Annual reports – all filed and sales tax have been filed. Brad has an IRS copy. No longer take a debit for ACH – must be a credit card and now it is \$80 every two years. So Brad will be getting a credit card for the group.
 - f. Grants – Federal grants have been frozen and even some state grants because they are government backed and so at this point we have to watch that as an option.
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Marketing/Events

- i. 2025 Events/Lincoln Co. Bus Tour – Kris will get a “Field Trip” put together for Lincoln County and she is looking to book the date and plan for this project. She is looking to do this in the Fall.
 - ii. Social media for 2025- Brad sent out a questionnaire sheet for content suggestions and he was postings it once a week. Linda or Brad will send it out and get people to see the different questions again.
 - We had a discussion on if we should add more social media options – and wanted to make sure we are doing the target market. WE have both an Instagram and Facebook – She suggests You Tube as an option.
 - Linda will set up a You Tube channel for us. And she would like to have a meeting with the Marketing Committee – Brad, Rosslynn, Chandler Rich, Neil and Kris.
 - Jan- Great Bend - Done
 - Feb – Brad
 - March – Luray
 - April – Lisa
 - May – Kris
 - June – Michelle Ellsworth
 - July – Charma for Wilson
 - August – Janet
 - September – Jean
 - Oct – Open
 - Nov - Open
 - Dec – Open
 - iii. 2026 Quarry to Glory - Volga German Sesquicentennial Neil is presenting this project with the Ellis County Historical Society. Expanded Church option.. Neil walked us through the plan for Mass, Meal and Dance. The date is not set yet, but some towns have picked the weekends they want for this option. Some of the fine points to focus on – Public transportation is a hurdle -Neil looked into a Smaller 28 seat bus. (\$525 for 2 hours) we pay \$1700 for 10 hours for the big touring bus. Neil has been trying to side hustle, The KPRLC will sponsor the tour portion of this.
 - 1. Smoky Hill Trail – has 9 posts left for the Ellsworth to Wallace County on the trail. Neil has been working on a big project to set and preserve post on this trail. Jean brought up that we as a group would like to do a ribbon cutting when Neil sets the last post. We need to look into the option to get a lot of groups involved.
 - 1. Lisa motioned to make a big media event out of the last post, Kris 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 2. Rosslyn likes the idea of making this the preservation award of the year!!!
- b. Education/Preservation- Lisa reported that Denmark is doing some preservation work. Kris said they just messaged the coalition as well – they are running a campaign to reserve the church and they are trying to apply for a Historic Preservation Grant.
- 1. Current projects: Charma is working on a limestone building on Main Street preservation project_ – she is presenting at the state Register of Historic Preservation meeting – & The St. Lukes Church is also working on this.

2. Member Benefits – This was brought up because there needs to be a list for people who want to preserve, but we also need to encourage contractors to join the membership.
8. **Break** for lunch at 11:57am and resumed at 1:04pm.
- . Preservation Award
 - i. 2025 Award- Brad brought up the application for this and we started to discuss the options for entries this year. The deadline for this option would be the **May 1, 2025** to be presented at one of the Summer festivals. Christina motioned and Janet 2nd the application and the deadline, Motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Grants- Pictures from the bus trip...Neil will get with the Bus Tour photographer and get a USB drive of the photos from him.
 - b. Membership / Networking – a discussion about the option of a Lifetime membership was discussed. We also discussed the way members fill out the form and why there are several mailing going to the same place. This could be a discussion for the membership committee. Also a 6 month prorated should be considered as well. The membership form also needs to have WHO to write the checks to.
9. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Post Rock Video – a discussion to have drone video was discussed and what other options.
 - b. Brochure Reprint – a discussion was held about checking panels and getting things fixed and then getting them reprinted. Linda said she would help on this. Brad will Golden Belt Community Foundation,
 1. Changes submitted by Feb. 15th to Kris she will send out an email
 2. Community Foundation funding is going to take more time. Goodland one before the summer.
 1. Quotes from GB Tribune given by Judy Duree (jduryee@gbtribune.com) on Jan. 28, 2025 to Christina included:
 1. 2,500 \$2,973.31
 2. 5,000 \$3,890.54
 3. 10,000 \$5,735.82
 4. 15,000 \$7,532.99
 5. 20,000 \$9,354.81

10. **New Business:**

- a. **Request from Graham County** – Dan Steffan requested for Graham to be listed and included on the map in the coalition. Brad explained that our map is a geologic basis of where the greenhorn Limestone outcropping is located. Graham county does have buildings made out of it but that county does not meet the needs on the map. Kris suggested that we send a membership form and tell them we would be happy to promote the buildings but cannot add them to the map.
 1. Christina motioned to NOT add Graham County to the map because our map is Geologically and geographically defined, however we would love to add them as a member and promote the area without adding them to the map. Rosslyn 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Purchase of Quickbooks Software** – Brad suggested we purchase the online Quickbooks option so that we can share data and users without needing a disc or drive to make sure it's uploaded. Neil motioned to purchase Quickbooks for up to \$80 year through TechSoup to get started. Janet 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

c. **2025 Meeting Schedule** -

1. Jan. 30, 2025 - Great Bend Hosted
2. March 13, 2025 - Luray
3. May 28, 2025 (Annual Meeting) - Courtland
4. July 31, 2025 - Sylvan Grove
5. Sept 24, 2025 - Larned
6. Dec 4, 2025 - Hays Sternberg

11. Other Business-

1. Tony brought up contractors and helping build - they have a whole list of contractors and are unbiased. That is where they can get a list.
2. Don't forget if you get a grant, tax credits are useful.
3. He also brought up why we aren't preserving limestone posts. Verses selling and getting rid of them - one day they will all be gone. What is an incentive that we can do to preserve
4. Dorrance Decoration Day - reenacted bank robberies. May 24, 2025. He wanted to invite this group.

12. **Next Meeting** is set for March 13, 2025 in Luray more information will be released via email as it gets closer.

13. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn by Kris motion 2nd by Charma. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.