

Browns Valley Historical Society Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2025

Members present: Janet Biewer, Jodi Hook-Hansen, Matt Goodhart, Edith Foren, Shelley Roscoe, Mark Aopel, Kirk Adams, Janice Tuff and Arlene Reinart. A supper of pizza and chicken was enjoyed by all. President Janet Biewer called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm at the Legion Hall. Motion to approve the minutes from October 6, 2025 was given by Jodi, second by Mark. Motion passed. Motion to approve the agenda was given by Arlene, second by Jodi. Motion passed.

Jodi presented the Treasurer's Report and noted that the Pow Wow account is currently dormant. It was agreed that the account will remain open for potential future use. There were no bills or donations.

Old Business: The Carnegie Library Phase I restoration grant has been finalized. Phase II of the restoration project will include site work, roof replacement, windows and foundation sealant. Our next step will be to hire somebody to write a grant for this project. We talked about possible grant writers that we could get.

Fall maintenance of the buildings was discussed. Matt and Mark will look into taking out the air conditioner from Sam Browns Cabin and checking into a Snirt Stopper for the Carnegie Library door. Edith will talk to Jeff Backer about the Snirt Stopper and mouse poison.

Matt had checked the chimney on the old schoolhouse. The staples are pulling out of the cedar shakes. Matt recommended sealing around the chimney and sealing it.

New Business:

Jan showed old postcards of Browns Valley that she received in the mail from an unknown person.

We would like to take some field trips next summer. One idea was going to visit local ghost towns. Arlene will talk to Curt Alsaker.

Fundraisers were discussed. Arlene will contact Curt Piechowski about a presentation of commercial fishing.

Elections were discussed. It was decided to leave the officers as they are.

President – Jan Biewer

Vice President – Matt Goodhart

Secretary – Arlene Reinart

Treasurer – Jodi Hook-Hansen

We will not be having a meeting in December, January or February. Our next meeting will be on March 2, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Reinart, Secretary