Native American Heritage Fund Board (NAHFB) Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

1. Meeting Called to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Ariel Boonstra called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Native American Heritage Fund Board Members present:

Ariel Boonstra, Chair
Melissa Isaac, Vice Chair
Rob Larson, Treasurer
Jodi Mallett, Secretary
Jordan Shananaquet

Calhoun County Staff present:

Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller
Susan Connolly, Calhoun County Executive Assistant

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Isaac - Motioned to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 29, 2026.
Larson - Seconded

On a **VOICE VOTE**. **Approved without objection.**

3. Approval of NAHFB Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2026

Shananaquet - Motioned to approve the NAHFB Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2026.
Mallett - Seconded

On a **VOICE VOTE**. **Approved without objection.**

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. Old Business

There was none.

6. Correspondence

A. Press release announcing 2026 NAHF Grant Awards.

Kelli Scott noted this was for informational purposes only to place it on the record.

7. New Business Items:

A. Acceptance of August 31,2026 Financial Report.

Kelli Scott reviewed the financial report for year-to-date with all expenditures accrued. The financial report showed an estimated December 31, 2026 balance of approximately $600 with additional interest income expected for September and October.

Larson - Motioned to accept the Financial Report for Aug. 31, 2026, as presented.
Shananaquet - Seconded

On a **VOICE VOTE**. Motion Passed.

B. Approval to Disburse Funds, 2026 Grant Awards, 9 awards totaling $479,988.38, as approved on Aug. 19, 2026:

- Union City Society for Historic Preservation, $25,000.00
- Michigan History Foundation, $125,000.00
- Grand Ledge Public Schools, $3,400.00
- Chippewa Hills School District, $177,339.00
- Public Schools of Petoskey, $7,500.00
- Eastern UP ISD, $30,000.00
- Portland Public Schools, $5,100.00
- Dearborn & West Village Academies, $105,000.00
- Reeths-Puffer Schools, $1,649.38

Mallett- **Motioned** to approve to disburse funds for 2026 Grant Awards, approved 8/19/26, totaling $479,988.38.
Larson - Seconded

VOTE:

Ariel Boonstra - YES
Melissa Isaac - YES
Rob Larson - YES
Jodi Mallett - YES
Jordan Shananaquet – YES

Motion Passed Unanimously

8. Open Discussion

Kelli Scott reported that modifications have been made to the 2027 grant agreement based on discussion at the August NAHF board meeting. These updates include requiring applicants to provide images and content created with grant funds.

Ms. Scott also shared that grant reports for 2025 are due at the end of October and will be available for review next time the board meets.

Rob Larson asked whether indirect costs had been removed as eligible costs from the 2027 application, and Scott confirmed that it had. He also noted that a prior awardee may be returning funds, though this will not be confirmed until a future date.

Ms. Scott stated that it would be preferable for any unused funds to be returned in 2027 rather than during 2026.

9. Next Meeting

To Be Determined (1st Quarter 2027)

10. Adjournment of the Meeting

Meeting adjourned by Ariel Boonstra, NAHFB Chairperson, at 11:14 a.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY _____.
Susan Connolly, Executive Assistant/Legal Assistant