

CVNMC Campgrounds Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2026

Present: Robert Cook, Todd Batey (President), John Saur, Lori Klockau, Lindsay Hartman, Evelyn Dustin, Robin Linkhart, Scott Gelande, Denise White, Dan Spray

Absent: None

Call to Order

Todd Batey welcomed those present. John Saur offered the opening prayer.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. CST.

1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

- a. John Saur moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Dan Spray seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- b. The Board discussed the use of summarized minutes appropriate for distribution and posting in accordance with World Church guidance. Lori Klockau asked about the distinction between the Board's full meeting notes and the summarized minutes shared publicly. Robin Linkhart will provide Lori with information regarding appropriate practices for publicly distributed minutes.

2. Cedar Valley Grove Sale Update

- a. The Board reviewed the recent update regarding the pending sale of Cedar Valley Grove (CVG) and discussed next steps.
- b. The proposed campground use agreement remains part of the sale process and is subject to legal review. Mission Center leadership, the Campgrounds Board of Directors, and the CVG Operations Group will have an opportunity to review the proposed language.
- c. The Board discussed the importance of establishing the fee for future Mission Center use of the campground before the agreement is finalized. The prospective buyer continues to indicate a willingness to work with the Mission Center regarding future campground use and does not view the use agreement as an impediment to completing the sale.

3. Camp Nauvoo 2027 Budget

- a. The Board reviewed the revised Camp Nauvoo 2027 proposed budget of \$134,395 provided by Denise White.
- b. Discussion included:
 - i. \$3,000 added for bookkeeping services in 2027.
 - ii. \$1,500 included for QuickBooks fees.
 - iii. Current procedures for collecting and depositing laundry income (coin operation facility on grounds).
 - iv. Action Item: Scott Gelande will share with Robert Cook the Camp Nauvoo process information he gathered in conversation with Dawn.

- v. The 2027 insurance estimate reflects the 2026 actual cost plus a 5% increase.
- vi. Rental activity has increased during 2026, and stronger rental activity is anticipated for 2027.
- vii. The Board discussed the four-year cycle associated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' *Come, Follow Me* curriculum and its potential effect on family travel to historic church sites, including Nauvoo. Years focused on Doctrine and Covenants and church history may contribute to increased visitation and are useful to consider in future rental planning.
- viii. Evelyn Dustin shared that Chris Fairbrother has indicated a willingness to assist as treasurer for Camp Nauvoo.
- c. The Board also received an update regarding the House of Worship loan. Following the sale of the Pekin property and distribution of the proceeds, \$25,083.99 was applied to the loan. The remaining loan balance is \$222,742.63, with the existing payment schedule unchanged.
- d. Motion: Robert Cook moved to approve the Camp Nauvoo 2027 budget of \$134,395. Denise White seconded the motion.
- e. Vote: The motion was approved unanimously.
- 4. **Additional Updates:** The Board received the following updates:
 - a. Youth Retreat: The Galesburg youth retreat was well received. Youth participants expressed interest in greater involvement in planning and leading worship rather than participating only through assigned readings, skits, or similar roles. The possibility of replicating the retreat experience in Cedar Rapids was discussed.
 - b. Financial Records: The 2024–2025 financial records for Cedar Valley Grove and Camp Nauvoo have been audited and are ready for presentation at Mission Center Conference.
 - c. Recognition: The Board discussed several opportunities for recognition at Mission Center Conference and through the campground ministries:
 - i. A plaque honoring Brad and his significant contributions will be presented to Julie and their sons at Mission Center Conference. The Camp Nauvoo Operations Group and Campgrounds Board will also consider an appropriate recognition at Camp Nauvoo.
 - ii. The CVG Operations Group and Campgrounds Board will work on appropriate recognition for Kent Levan and his service to Cedar Valley Grove.
 - iii. Rex has been added to the Mission Center recognition list in appreciation for his work supporting both campgrounds.
 - iv. Robin Linkhart and Denise White will follow up on arrangements.
- 5. **Adjournment**
 - a. Todd Batey offered the closing prayer.
 - b. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. CST.