

The Hiawatha History Commission met on October 13, 2025, at Hiawatha City Hall in the 3rd Floor Council Conference Room with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Marilyn James, Chuck Graybill and Janet Van Hoeck. Lynda Hembra attended as the interviewee.

Interview – Interview with Lynda Hembra was recorded and is on file.

Business:

The agenda was amended to add Insights Responses and the swearing in of Janet Van Hoeck. Chuck Graybill moved the approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

Marilyn James moved the approval of the September 11, 2025 minutes, seconded by Chuck Graybill. Motion carried.

Financial Update

No updates since the last meeting.

Our Town Videos Available

This item was discussed at the last meeting.

Availability of Hiawatha T-Shirts

Semelroth gave an update that she was still waiting on Kari Graber for an update on t-shirt pricing. Graber did suggest changing the Hiawatha logo on the original t-shirt design to all white. That would make it easier for printer.

Training for Commission Members

Jamie Fiedler gave an update of the new law passed by the state house that requires new and appointed officials in Iowa government bodies must complete Open Meeting and Open Records training within 90 days of taking office. She said she would find out more information at an upcoming training that she was going to and she would led the newly appointed members know of any updates and soon as she could.

Hiawatha Insights Response

James gave an updated that someone called her with an answer to the Insights questions last month.

Next meeting is November 20, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Graybill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 am, seconded by James. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair