

The Hiawatha History Commission met on November 20, 2025, at Hiawatha City Hall in the 3rd Floor Council Conference Room with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth, Marilyn James, Chuck Graybill and Lynda Hembra. Janet Van Hoeck was absent.

Interview – Interview with Vonice and Deb Guthridge was recorded and is on file.

Business:

The agenda was amended to add T-Shirt discussion and summary of Insights Articles. Chuck Graybill moved the approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Marilyn James. Motion carried.

Graybill moved the approval of the October 13, 2025 minutes, seconded by James. Motion carried.

Financial Update

\$4,713.85.

Swearing in New Member

Lynda Hembra was sworn in.

Training for Commission Members Report

Graybill gave an update on how his Open Meeting and Open Records training went. Graybill and Van Hoeck turned in their certificates of completion for the trainings.

T-Shirt Discussion

Semelroth asked if the committee wanted to pursue and that she still needed to talk to Kari Graber on the prices of the shirts. Graybill stated that he didn't want to do long sleeve shirts and doesn't think that they are very popular. Semelroth asked if the funds raised from shirt sales are really needed since last time it was to help with the 75th birthday celebration. James stated that they're always asked where the t-shirts can be purchased. Semelroth stated that the committee would need to look at the timeline for things they want to accomplish for the year. It was decided to save the t-shirt discussion for a later meeting.

Hiawatha Insights Articles

Semelroth went back through her archives and made a list of all past History Commission articles that were in the Insights. She asked the members to please think of ideas for future articles.

Next meeting is December 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Hembra moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 am, seconded by Graybill. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair