

Minutes from EBA meeting held August 25, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Jaimie McFarlin, President.

Meeting held at Woodford County Historical and Genealogical Society

Welcome and thank you to Sue Knepp and Beth Miller for hosting this meeting!

Thank you to everyone who attended the special meeting regarding the new Eureka Hometown Voice newspaper with Dave Molleck.

Review Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report July 2025, both reports attached in email

Minutes July 2025 approved (Sue made motion; Connie second)

Financial Report July 2025 approved (Kevin made motion; Sam second)

General Fund Balance: \$7,762.18

Old Gift Check Account: \$6,195.74

New Gift Check Account: \$16,557.66 (\$1,580 spent at 10 businesses in July)

Current Business-

Experience Eureka tickets go on sale tomorrow at Kirby Foods and the Library. \$5 each. If you buy before September 1, you will be entered into a \$25 EBA gift check drawing. Touch A Truck and the Car Seat Safety Check are separate events, but being held at the same time as Experience Eureka.

The Eureka Hometown Voice is set for launch in mid-September. EBA members get a 10% discount on ads. There is an additional discount if you are non-profit.

New Business-

Connie Davis would love to see a mural painted on one of the downtown businesses. All members present were in favor of this. Connie needs assistance with fundraising – please contact Connie at mncdavis@mtco.com or text her at 309-264-9782. This will be an exciting project for EBA!

Jaimie would like to host a Fall Late Night Shopping event. Any businesses who would like to participate, contact Jaimie at jaimiemcfarlin@yahoo.com. We will need to select a date that does not conflict with other evening shopping events.

The Woodford County Farm Bureau's Women's Committee is hosting a Women's Night Out event at the Farm Bureau Auditorium on September 12. The event highlights area ag-related businesses. Three EBA members will be participating along with several other

businesses. They will also be doing a tied blanket community service project during the event.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, September 18 at 4 pm at the Woodford County Farm Bureau Park on 4-H Road. If the weather is bad, it will be moved to the Farm Bureau building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm (Autum made motion; Sue seconded).

Sue Knepp gave a fascinating history of their building (built in the 1890s; was a drug store for many years; also the China Closet among other businesses). It was bought by the Fykes in 2006 and has been the Chronicle office and Historical Society office since then.

The first historical society was the Old Settlers Association formed in 1874. In 1903 the first Woodford County Historical Society was formed; however, by the 1940s it went dormant and collections were sent to the Illinois State Archives (who later lost all the collections). It was reformed in 1973. It was on the second floor of the library for many years, then in the Nickel doctor's office, and finally at current location.

They are open 1 – 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and by appointment. They offer monthly meetings with interesting speakers and topics. Check out their Facebook page for details. Memberships are \$30/family. Please consider supporting their efforts to preserve and disseminate our county's history.