

**WESTON COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOLUTION**

Section 1: Statement of Purpose and Public Policy

(A) Recognizing that the role of historic preservation is more to encourage and assist rather than regulate, this resolution shall be called "The Weston County Historic Preservation Resolution".

(B) The State of Wyoming and Weston County have a wide range of cultural resources that include prehistoric and historic sites which are invaluable remains illustrating our state's past. The Weston County Commissioners hereby find that the State of Wyoming and Weston County are noteworthy for their historic sites and natural beauty. The cultural resources in Weston County include: ranches, farms, homestead sites, and significant cultural landscape. In recent years significant structures, and historic and archaeological sites have been destroyed or have deteriorated from neglect without adequate consideration of either the values represented therein or the possibility of preserving the properties for use in productive ways. Citizens of Weston County share the belief that Wyoming's cultural resources enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors and promote Weston County's general welfare. It is hereby declared a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of significant historical, archaeological, and architectural sites of value is a public necessity and is required in the interest of health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the people. The purpose of this section is to:

(1) Effect and accomplish the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of such cultural resources which represent or reflect elements of Weston County.

(2) Protect Weston County's historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage, as embodied and reflected in such historic structures, sites, and districts.

(3) Foster civic pride in the beauty and noble accomplishments of the past.

(4) Protect and enhance Weston County's historic attractions to residents and visitors by promoting the preservation, use, and interpretation of historic structures, sites, and districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the people.

(5) The Weston County Commissioners enact this resolution as stated above to help preserve Wyoming's heritage. The Weston County Commissioners endorse the State of Wyoming's Certified Local Government program and agree to participate in this historic preservation program. Weston County is eligible to participate in the CLG program by provisions specified in Section 16-1-101, W.S. 1977.

Section 2: Definitions

For purpose of clarity, the following definitions will apply throughout this part:

(A) "local government" means a city, town, county, or any other political subdivision within the State of Wyoming.

(B) "historic preservation commission" means a board, council or commission, or other similar body established by local legislation or regulation.

(C) "state historic preservation officer" or "SHPO" means the individual appointed by the Governor to administer Wyoming's historic preservation program.

(D) "national register of historic places" means the federal government's official list of properties judged to be worthy of preservation. The National Register program in Wyoming is administered by the Wyoming SHPO.

Section 3: Historic Preservation Commissions

(A) This resolution hereby authorizes the creation of a historic preservation board known as the Weston County Historic Preservation Board.

(B) The Weston County Commissioners shall appoint Board members to the commission; each appointment will represent a wide range of backgrounds and interests to represent Weston County's diverse heritage.

(C) The Board shall consist of no less than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) members. Qualified non-residents of Weston County may serve on the Board.

(D) Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

(E) All Board members must have a demonstrated interest, knowledge, or experience in the fields related to historic preservation as described as follows:

(F) To the extent that such professionals are available in the community, at least two (2) members of the Board shall be professionals (as defined by SHPO) in the fields related

to historic preservation (e.g. history, archaeology, historic architecture, planning, or other related disciplines such as: American civilization, cultural geography, or cultural anthropology.) If historic preservation professionals do not reside within the county, expertise may be obtained from other Wyoming communities. Information on the credentials of the Board members must be kept on file and available for public inspection.

(G) When an appropriate discipline is not represented among the Board members, the Board shall be required to seek the appropriate expertise when considering National Register nominations or other actions that will impact properties which are normally evaluated by a professional in such disciplines.

(H) Minutes or records of the proceedings of the Board shall be transmitted to the Weston County Commissioners. The Board shall monitor and report to the SHPO any activity affecting significant property within Weston County.

(I) An annual report of the activities of the Board shall be submitted to the Weston County Commissioners and the SHPO. Such reports shall include but are not limited to items such as: proposed National Register nominations, updated resumes of Board members, appointments to the Board, meeting attendance records, progress reports on survey activities, National Register nominations reviewed, and problem areas.

(J) Board meetings shall be held monthly.

(K) The Weston County Commissioners shall act within sixty (60) days to fill any vacancy on the Board.

(L) Each Board member is encouraged to attend at least one informational or education meeting per year as sponsored by the SHPO that pertains to the work and functions of the Board or to historic preservation. The SHPO will provide information to all historic preservation boards.

(M) The Board in addition to any appropriations made by the Weston County Commissioners shall have the right to receive, hold, and spend funds which it may legally receive from any and every source both in and out of the State of Wyoming for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Resolution.

(N) The Board shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its business in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution. Such rules of the Board members and the election of officers shall be determined within the Board's rules of procedure.

Section 4: Duties and Powers of the Historic Preservation Board

(A) Conduct cultural resource surveys of structures and various geographical areas for the purpose of determining architectural, historical, cultural, and/or archaeological significance; to maintain detailed listings of significant structures, sites, and districts.

(B) Propose to the Weston County Commissioners, criteria for the evaluation and designation of district, buildings, structures, sites, or objects located within the Weston County Commissioners' jurisdiction. The criteria should be compatible with the Department of Interior's criteria for evaluation of potential entries to the National Register of Historic Places as follows:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, settings, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, AND:

1. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the board patterns of our history; OR
2. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; OR
3. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; OR
4. that have yielded, or may likely yield, information important in prehistory and history.

(C) Designate districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects which meet the criteria because they are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. This recognition of local districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects shall be entitled locally as specified in Section 6 (A). Ultimately, designations by the Historic Preservation Board shall be submitted to the Weston County Commissioners for ratification.

(D) Act as advisors on historic preservation issues to appropriate local government agencies.

(E) Promote historic preservation awareness through a wide range of activities such as guided tours, educational seminars, and published materials.

Section 5: Inventory of Significant Cultural Resources

(A) As stated in Section 4 (A), the Historic Preservation Board shall conduct a cultural resource inventory of Weston County.

(B) The local inventory shall:

(1) be accessible to the public unless access to archaeological or historic information must be restricted for protective purposes as stated in the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

(2) be updated periodically to reflect new information.

(3) incorporate information about buildings, sites, structures, districts, or objects enrolled in, or eligible for, listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

(4) be supplied to the SHPO through the use of duplicates for use in SHPO inventory files.

(C) Current historic preservation methodology as established by the Department of the Interior and SHPO shall serve as a guideline for the cultural resource survey.

(D) Cultural resource consultants may be retained to assist in the performance of the survey duties of the Board.

Section 6: Designation of Local Cultural Resources

(A) Based upon the results of the cultural resource inventory, the Board shall complete a list of districts, buildings, structures, sites, or objects that meet the criteria for eligibility as specified in Section 4 (B), the Department of the Interior's criteria for the National Register of Historic Places. The Board shall establish an official list of locally significant cultural resources and give this list an appropriate title.

(B) The Board shall submit the proposed designation of local sites to the Weston County Commissioners for ratification.

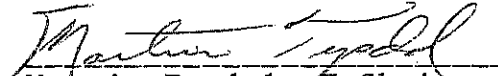
(C) The designation shall contain specific boundaries for proposed designations.

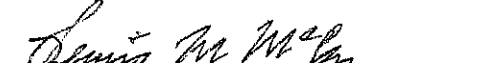
Section 7: Participation on the National Register Process

(A) The Board shall review each National Register nomination pending within Weston County.

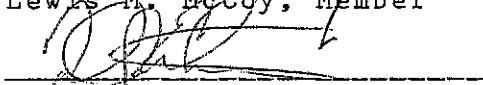
(B) The Board will comply with Section 4 of the "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Certification of Local Governments" as written by the SHPO and officially approved by the Department of the Interior.


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