

# DODGE CITY

## Chapter

*Minutes: Western Cattle Trail Association*

*April 4, 2024*



*Boot  
Hill  
Resource  
Center*



The Western Cattle Trail Association met at the Boot Hill Resource Center April 4, 2024. There were 5 participants in attendance and five members via Zoom.

The discussion revolved around the momentous plans for the Western Cattle Trail 150th Anniversary Conference, a significant event that will be held on November 1 and 2, 2024, in Dodge City at the prestigious Boot Hill Museum.

On the afternoon of November 1st, prepare to be captivated by a 3:00 welcome and cowboy poetry reading by the renowned Michael Grauer and Ron Wilson. This will be followed by a fascinating presentation from Bob Kinnan, retired King Ranch manager, on the art of trailing cattle from South Texas.

Saturday, November 2nd, promises to be a day filled with diverse activities. We will start at 9:30 with a series of engaging speakers, including a session on the 1878 Northern Cheyenne Exodus with speaker James N. Leiker. For those interested in history, we have an opportunity for an informal discussion with our esteemed historians, Gary and Margaret Kraisinger, about their research on the Western Cattle Trail. Music lovers can look forward to a session on trail songs by Michael Martin Murphy. And to wrap up the afternoon, we have a special treat-the last cattle drive by XIT historian Mick Miller.





This does not end the weekend celebration! The Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame will have their induction and dinner celebration Saturday evening followed by a concert by Michael Martin Murphy.

Plans are still underway for other events that will be announced on, [www.westerncattletrailassoc.com](http://www.westerncattletrailassoc.com) or the Dodge City Globe. Other business discussed was a contribution of \$250.00 from the Dodge City/Fort Dodge/Cimarron Chapter of the Santa Fe Trail Association to pay for a speaker at the Western Cattle

Trail 150th Anniversary Conference. Ron Wilson would like to schedule a time at the Conference to organize a Cattle Trail Consortium.

Keep November 1 and 2 on your calendars!

