

## **WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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### **Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission January 9, 2016 at the Old Winneshiek County Jail.**

Present: Dave Stanley, Steve Johnson, Kim Glock, LaVonne Sharp, Roger Bergan, Elizabeth Lorentzen and John Beard, BOS liaison.

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the October minutes. Janelle noted an error. LaVonne moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Roger seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The next topic was the treasurer's report. Elizabeth presented the information. Kim moved to approve the treasurer's report and LaVonne seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

John updated the Commission regarding the Board of Supervisors, noting the original muster for the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry is now on display at the courthouse. He also discussed the courthouse restoration in conjunction with efforts to increase security. The Smith building was discussed as well. John said the BOS hired a consultant to outline the buildings' immediate and long term needs. He also brought up the courthouse annex and its possible reuse.

Elizabeth updated the Commission on the walking trail signs. She and Ed Epperly are preparing brochures with maps and identification of individual signs.

A general discussion took place about the impact or potential impact that the County's historic resources may have on tourism.

Dave indicated that he has started putting the annual report together which is due the end of February.

Elizabeth discussed the results of recent dendochronology research utilizing floor beams in some of Decorah's historic homes, including the mill at Vesterheim. The results have been consistent, and presents a way to accurately date structures.

The possibility of the Commission sponsoring a workshop or symposium was discussed and Dave said he would put some thought into this and contact potential presenters.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.