

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission June 8, 2013 8:30 A.M. at the Vesterheim Amdal-Odland Heritage Center..

Present: Dave Stanley, Steve Johnson, Janelle Pavlovec, Terri Mozzoni, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Dennis Karlsbrotten (representing the Board of Supervisors).

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the minutes from the April meeting. Janelle noted that it should be stated that she abstained in regard to approving the March minutes because did not attend that meeting and that should be reflected in the April minutes. Dave said he would make that change. Terri moved to approve the minutes and Janelle seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the Treasurer's report. Dave moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Terri seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Under old business Steve brought up the Gilliece Bridge. Janelle deferred to Dennis who noted that he has visited the bridge and it is in tough shape. Dennis indicated the deal to move the bridge to the Osage Golf Course fell through. Janelle said the consultation process is on hold.

Dennis turned the discussion to the Fort Atkinson Bridge, mentioning that there is no money to move but that the bridge construction firm would move it for free if the City of Fort Atkinson would provide the funds for supports to set the bridge on.

The next topic was the Highlandville School nomination. Dave indicated that a second draft had been submitted for review. Dennis suggested that the old spring house should be included. Dave agreed but noted it is on private property and that he had not been able to location the property owner. Dennis said he knows that property owner and would and will contact him and forward his contact information on to Dave.

Janelle had to leave early and with her departure the HPC no longer had a quorum.

The next topic was the Iowa Country School Conference that would be held in Decorah October 11-12. Dave said he met with Bill Sherman and members of the

County Historical Society in late April to go over the conference planning. A draft program had been prepared as well as the itinerary for the field trip to visit a number of rural schools and the Borlaug Farm. Dave noted that he volunteered the Commission to prepare a map of the field trip and that he would have members of his staff prepare a map. There was a discussion pertaining to the Frankville School which is not on the tour and whether it should be included on the map in case conference attendees might want to visit it on their own time.

Dennis updated the Commission on Board of Supervisors' activities and said that the frack mining moratorium had been approved by the Board. There was also some discussion on the proposed Upper Iowa River Bicycle Trail. The principal topics included private property owner rights and current problems with all the recreational use of the Upper Iowa River, specifically trash.

Elizabeth brought up the oral histories associated with the rural schools. She had the opportunity to interview Ruth Allen, a former teacher and said it went real well. There was also a discussion about the HPC purchasing a digital recorder. Dave said he would look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.