

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Kim Glock
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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission June 11, 2016 at the Highlandville Schoolhouse.

Present: Dave Stanley, Kim Glock, LaVonne Sharp, Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Dennis Karlsbrotten, Steve Johnson, Terri Mozzone and Elizabeth Lorentzen.

The meeting opened with introductions to the Highland Township Trustees, Tom Hanson and Rick Monson.

A review of the previous meeting's minutes was next. A number of errors were noted and Dennis moved to approve the minutes with the errors repaired. Terri seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

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

Terri presented the latest information on the Historic Resource Development Program grant she applied for. This grant would be applied to the fund being established for maintenance and repairs at the Highlandville School. Terri said that she had not heard back yet. Both Kim and Terri will be going to the Depot Board of Directors next week to seek a grant from them. A total of \$3,600 has been committed to this project including \$1,000 from the Highland Township Trustees. Terri noted that Beth Rotto and her band, the Footnotes, would be willing to do a fundraiser in September for the Highlandville School project.

Elizabeth discussed the Decorah Historic Walking Trails' manuscript that she is putting together.

Ferneva had been checking into potential locations for the August Commission meeting in Ossian. She indicated at least one possibility and would look into others.

The next topic focused on the Bluffton House, a potential National Register property that the Department of Natural Resources acquired and now wants to demolish. A draft Memorandum of Agreement had been prepared by the DNR and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for review. A copy was

also sent to the Commission for comment. The MOA laid out three alternatives, including demolition, preservation in place, and selling the property to an interested party.

After some discussion Terri and Elizabeth volunteered to draft a response from the Commission. There was also a discussion regarding a TAN evaluation of the property. Steve offered to explore this route.

Tom Hanson asked for more details about potential grant sources for the Highlandville School project and what the repair and maintenance needs are. Terri presented the potential grant sources and outlined those that the Commission had or would apply for. Terri also noted the schoolhouse needs that included re-plastering and painting, the cost of which was estimated at around \$10,000.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 13th, possibly in Ossian.