

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission March 9, 8:30 A.M. at the Vesterheim Amdal-Odland Heritage Center.

Present: Dave Stanley, LaVonne Sharp, Steve Johnson, Janelle Pavlovec, Terri Mozzoni, Roger Bergan, Dean Thompson (representing the Board of Supervisors).

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the previous meeting's minutes. Roger and LaVonne noted an error and Dave said he would address that. With that adjustment LaVonne moved to approve the minutes and Janelle seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Steve presented the treasurer's report. Dave moved to approve the treasurer's report and Roger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Steve then passed around the latest address/contact information for all the commissioners for review and corrections. He said he would provide that to the County Auditor for public access.

Dave discussed the HRDP grant, noting the addition of oral histories and the need to submit property owner approval forms with the grant application.

Dean provided information to the Commission regarding Shay Gooder's presentation of the rural schoolhouse GIS inventory to the Decorah Rotary Club. He noted that the presentation was very well received and about 55-60 attended the meeting. Dean indicated there was a lot of interest in the hardcopy of the report and suggested possibly selling single pages instead of the entire volume. People seem most interested in specific schools and not so much the whole report, although there was interest in the whole report as well.

Dean also let the Commission know that our annual report was approved by the Board of Supervisors and was sent on to the State Historic Preservation Office in Des Moines. The Board also received the Commission's letter regarding the North Building and that the topic of mitigation would be discussed at a future meeting. Steve asked if Wellington Place was interested in contributing to the mitigation cost. Dean responded by saying the letter had been passed on to Wellington Place but the Board had yet to hear from them.

Steve brought up Gilliece Bridge consultation process and mentioned that we would need someone to replace Dean. Janelle volunteered.

Cynthia Jacobson from Ossian presented information on an 1896 building in Ossian next to the old City Hall and asked the Commission for some advice in regards to restoration and preservation. Dave suggested she go to the Iowa State Historical Society's web site which has a wealth of information regarding that topic. He also noted the tax credits available for restoration.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M. with the next meeting scheduled for April 6th so our meeting doesn't conflict with the Winneshiek County Historical Society's meeting on April 13th.

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission Special Meeting March 22nd, 6:00 P.M. at the Vesterheim Amdal-Odland Heritage Center.

Present, Dave Stanley, Lonnie Pierce, Elizabeth Lorentzen, LaVonne Sharp, Terri Mozzoni, Roger Bergan, Steve Johnson, Janelle Pavlovec.

A special meeting was held to discuss the Board of Supervisor's offer to provide \$1,500 for mitigation of the North Building prior to its removal. The Board asked if the Commission would be willing to administer the funding.

Dave attended the Board of Supervisor's meeting and outlined to the Commission what he proposed to the Board in regard to what could be done for that amount of money. The mitigation would entail filling out an Iowa State Site Inventory form. This would include developing 2D architectural sketches of the floor plans and 3D modeling of the entire structure like what was done for both the Highlandville School and the Caretaker's House. Dave proposed we hire Lloyd Bolz to do the floor plans and the 3D modeling. He had spoken with Lloyd who indicated that he could do that for the \$1,500. Dave said a member of his staff would do the necessary photography work, physical description of the structure, and fill out the Site Inventory form pro bono.

A brief discussion ensued and Dave moved to proceed with the project. Terri seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.