

## **WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Steven Johnson, Chairperson**  
**David Stanley, Secretary**  
**Elizabeth Lorentzen, Treasurer**  
**LaVonne Sharp**

**Roger Bergan**  
**Ferneva Brimacomb**  
**Dennis Karlsbrotten**  
**Kim Glock**  
**Terri Mozzone**

### **Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission March 12, 2016 at the Old Winneshiek County Jail.**

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

Steve opened the meeting asking for comments on the minutes from the February meeting. No comments or suggestions were offered and LaVonne moved to approve the minutes, Dennis seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The next topic was the treasurer's report presented by Elizabeth who noted very little change since the last meeting. Roger moved to approve the treasurer's report and Kim seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

John discussed developments from the Board of Supervisors noting that there were no historic preservation issues that had come to the BOS attention over the last month or so.

Dave briefly discussed the Bluffton House and what the Commission can expect in regards to how fast the DNR will move in regards to putting the structure up for sale. He estimated that the process, including developing a programmatic agreement or a Memorandum of Agreement, would likely take 4-6 months.

Dave also updated the status of the Commission's annual report noting that he had passed it on to the BOS for their review and the Chair's signature.

Elizabeth discussed the status of her preparation of a book based on the historic sign trail. She indicated that she is focusing on that for the time being with the second edition of the Vera Harris book temporally on hold. A general discussion ensued with the consensus that this is a good idea since the former would likely sell more rapidly giving the Commission an opportunity to recover the costs faster.

The next topic focused on scheduling some meetings at other locations besides Decorah. Ossian and Highlandville were discussed but no specific decision was made.

The courthouse restoration came up next and Dave offered to contact Doug Steinmetz to see if he would be interested in submitting both a cost and technical proposal to assist in planning the restoration.

The final issue discussed was the Highlandville School and the need for immediate maintenance, both inside and out. Terri has been working on a number of grant proposals and would like to begin a fund raiser. Dave wondered if the County Historical Society would be willing to hold the money and distribute it if the program was able to get off the ground. Ferneva said she will ask the Board of Directors if they would be willing to help in this regard.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM. Next tentatively scheduled meeting is for April 9th.