

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Elizabeth Lorentzen, Treasurer
LaVonne Sharp

Roger Bergan
Janelle Pavlovec
Cathy McLain
Lonnie Pierce
Terri Mozzone

Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission November 16, 2013 8:30 A.M. at the Old Winneshiek County Jail.

Present: Dave Stanley, Elizabeth Lorentzen, LaVonne Sharp, Roger Bergan, Janelle Pavlovec, Terri Mozzone, Cathy McLain, Lonnie Pierce, Dennis Karlsbrotten (representing the Board of Supervisors).

Roger served as Chair since Steve was not able to attend the meeting. Roger asked if there were any additions to the agenda and there were none.

Roger next moved on to the minutes from the September meeting. A couple spelling errors were noted and Roger moved to approve the minutes with the spelling errors fixed. Dave seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Terri suggested that we develop a strategic plan and offered to do the initial development. Cathy thought we should use the original Commission resolution as a starting point and the general consensus of the Commission was that would be a good approach.

LaVonne moved to proceed with this and Lonnie seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The next topic was regarding the Highlandville School National Register nomination. Dennis attended the October 11th meeting of the State National Register review board. He outlined the power point presentation by the nomination's author, Branden Scott. The review board was very positive and after several minor revisions they would approve the nomination and forward it on to the National Park Service for review, and hopefully, they will agree that the school is eligible and place it on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dave said that the final report of the archeology at four Highland Township schools is completed and presented a copy for the Commission archives and one for the Board of Supervisors. Dave also noted the Iowa Site Inventory Form and

documentation of the North Building was completed and submitted to the State Historical Society of Iowa to be entered into their data base. A copy was provided to the Board of Supervisors as well as the Commission archives.

Roger asked Janelle if she had made copies of the information she obtained at the Minnesota historic preservation workshop/conference for the Commission archives. Janelle said she had not but would do so.

Janelle reported that she, representing the Commission, along with Dean Thompson (Board of Supervisors) and David Wadsworth (historic window restoration specialist), examined the rose window which was salvaged from the North Building prior to its demise. Janelle said she did not think the window was worth restoring, that lacked historic significance, and the Commission should not contribute to any restoration project. Elizabeth noted that window is reflective of the Italianate architectural influence of the North Building. Dave indicated that the Board of Supervisors went to a great deal of trouble to remove that window. He also stated that indeed it does have historic significance and it appears to be the original window installed during construction of the building. It was apparently not clear just what the cost of restoration would be but Dave felt the Commission should support the Board of Supervisors' efforts to preserve and restore the window.

Lonnie agreed and moved that we let the Board of Supervisors know we support their efforts by contributing to the restoration of the window. LaVonne seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Lonnie moved to adjourn at 9:30 AM and LaVonne seconded the motion. Adjournment was approved unanimously. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 11th, 2014.