

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Steven Johnson, Chairperson
David Stanley, Secretary
Elizabeth Lorentzen, Treasurer

Commissioners: Kevin Lee
Ferneva Brimacombe
Roger Bergan
Rob Shadwick
Art Koffron

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
January 10, 2009
8:30 P.M.
Old County Jail**

Present: Dave Stanley Elizabeth Lorentzen , Rob Shadwick , Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacombe, Art Koffron, Steve Johnson.

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the November minutes. Roger moved to approve the minutes and Art seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report noting \$2,638.58 from sale of our various publications. Rob moved to approve the treasurer's report and Steve seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Steve went over the current addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of each commissioner to insure that there had been no changes. The only change was to Dave's street address.

Steve updated the commission in regard to the Morse House grant which did not go through. He also provided the most recent information on the Bridge Barn project. Brian Betteridge of Decorah and Jim Rush from Rossville are leading the team which is dismantling the structure. The barn was originally erected in 1871. Brian is supervising the transportation and documentation. Steve noted that the barn will be stored at the old sale barn in Spring Grove, Minnesota until a suitable location can be found to reassemble the structure, hopefully sometime this spring. The barn itself is 66 feet long, 32 feet wide, and the bridge is 16 feet long. It is one of the very few bridge barns left in the United States. Structures of this nature are landscape specific and have a long tradition.

Steve then brought up the Board of Supervisors' meeting on January 21, 2009. This would be the meeting when the commission makes its budget request to the Supervisors. Steve said he would setup a time and let the commissioners know and see who else would be able to attend.

Dave briefed the commission on his reconnaissance of the Freeport Hillside Pioneer Cemetery. He noted that the cemetery is well preserved within a mature oak forest with minimal understory. The property owner was cooperative and he indicated a willingness to have the cemetery mapped and surveyed. Dave also mentioned that the original pioneer (Native American?) trail that appears on the original General Land Office survey maps is also evident, at least the portion that is near the cemetery.

A general discussion took place regarding whether or not we should try for a CLG grant to have a professional survey take place. Steve noted that there is a special grant cycle taking place at the moment but that we would have to submit something no later than February 17th. Dave said he would look into that and review the original grant application that the commission had prepared in 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00. Next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2009.