

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

**Commissioners: Kevin Lee
Ferneva Brimacomb
Roger Bergan
Rob Shadwick
Mike Meyer**

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
January 16, 2010
8:30 P.M.**

Vesterheim Westby-Torgerson Education Center

Present: Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Dave Stanley, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Steve Johnson, Janelle Pavlovec, Kevin Lee, and Mike Meyer.

Steve opened the meeting by going over the minutes from the November meeting. Several spelling problems were noted. Kevin moved to approve the minutes and Mike seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report outlining the recent deposits and disbursements. Dave asked about the distribution of the profits (interest and publication sales). Elizabeth suggested these could go towards the final publication of Vera Harris' manuscript. Roger moved to approve the treasurer's report and Ferneva seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

The next topic Steve brought up focused on the Calmar Depot nomination. David Anderson had submitted a draft to the State Historical Society of review without giving the Commission an opportunity to review. Dave was concerned about the lack of photographs and thought that aerial photographs of the structure within the context of the City of Calmar would have been useful. Dave offered to contact David Anderson after the draft review is completed and assist him in providing additional photographs and other figures. Kevin moved to do so and Roger seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Kevin presented the TAN report on the old Winneshiek County Jail. The TAN report recommended the development of a master plan for restoration of the jail as well as its future use. The building itself has not been placed on the National Register but since it is a contributing property to the Decorah Historic District (the courthouse square portion) it is likely that it is considered eligible for nomination. A general discussion took place regarding what the next step would be. It was decided that a discussion with the Board of Supervisors would be the first step in regards to the funding and development of a master plan. Ferneva offered to approach the Board of Supervisors about this topic.

Elizabeth addressed the next topic, which was in regard to the Commission's publications. She noted that Deb Paulson now has the Vera Harris manuscript and is in the process of setting it up for the layout. A super deluxe layout is being prepared but it is too costly to print it will be pared down. A discussion took place and the general consensus was that we should move forward as high quality printing as possible. Elizabeth said she would get bids from Johnson Printing in Rochester and Amundson's Printing in Decorah.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M. Next meeting is scheduled on February 13th at the old Winneshiek County Jail.