

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
April 12, 2008
8:30 P.M.
Vesterheim**

Present: Dave Stanley, Kevin Lee, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Art Koffron, Rob Shadwick.

Steve opened the meeting with the minutes from March 8th. Several spelling errors were noted and corrected. Kevin moved to approve the March 8th minutes and Art seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report noting there were no changes from the March treasurer's report. Steve mentioned that the auditor had called and said that the Commission had not formally requested our '07-'08 allocation of \$2,000. A brief discussion followed and the general consensus was that the Commission had sent a letter with a formal request. Steve said he would re-send the letter.

Steve brought up the May 9th National Register workshop and noted that seven people had already registered including someone from the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission. Steve mentioned that the entire Decorah HPC had gone to Des Moines last year for a similar workshop. There was then a brief discussion regarding setting up a continental breakfast for the workshop and how to proceed with the lunches.

Kevin brought up that there would be a workshop on April 23rd in Dubuque on burial sites and cemetery management. Kevin wondered if the Commission would cover the expenses if any of the commissioners wanted to go. The consensus was that a workshop of this nature would be appropriate and that the Commission would cover expenses.

Next on the agenda was the HRDP grant application for the Hillside Cemetery. The Commission discussed the ownership issues and Dave pointed out that the grant application requires permission from the property owner. A review of the land records did not give a clear indication how the cemetery shifted ownership from the Freeport Cemetery Association to the present property owner. Although a clear direction was not determined on how to proceed. Kevin, Steve, and Dave offered to meet with the County Attorney and seek his input.

Kevin briefed the Commission on the status of the materials that were salvaged from the Eastside School. The group he is working with has been cleaning up the material primarily bricks, wooden floors, and trim. Kevin noted that they

could use some volunteers to help with the bricks and that there is a group associated with Luther College that has been assisting them.

Steve presented a copy of the National Register nomination for the Big Stone Mill in Spillville. The State Historical Society asked if the Commission would be interested in reviewing the nomination although it is technically outside of our jurisdiction since it is in the City of Spillville. Everyone thought it would be nice to review it. Since we only had one paper copy and it is long Dave offered to scan it and e-mail a PDF to the rest of the Commission. Dave also offered to send a paper copy to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Steve informed the Commission that he had been appointed as a review panelist for the Historic Resource Development Review Board. Steve also noted that a Iowa State Structure form had been completed for the Mill Street house and that it would be submitted to the State Historical Society. Steve mentioned that the Silos and Smokestack organization would be doing a presentation regarding their strategic plan at Vesterheim on May 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M. Next meeting is scheduled for May 10th, 2008.