

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
April 12, 2003
9:00 A.M.
Old Winneshiek County Jail**

Present

Kevin Lee, Steve Johnson, Dave Stanley, Steven Klimesh, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Roger Bergan.

Steve J. opened the meeting by announcing that Norman Borlaug and former governor Robert Ray would be attending the Arbor Day Celebration at the Norman Borlaug Boyhood Farm in Howard County (see enclosure) on April 26th. Steve J. also distributed letters of support for nominating the The Woolen Mill for the HUD Secretary's Award for excellence (see enclosures).

Dave noted that the new computer was being setup in the office at the old jail.

Steven K. brought everyone up to speed regarding the CLG grant application for nominating the St. Wenceslaus property in Spillville to the National Register. No response from Kerry McGrath has been received by either Steven or Dave in regard to our inquiries. So far all we know is that the application was rejected. No one has received an official rejection letter or comments on the grant application although Kerry has stated this was sent to Dave. Dave suggested that Steven send a letter to Kerry again requesting this information and cc'ing it to her supervisor. Both Steve J. and Dave thought Lowell Soike, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Office would be the appropriate person to raise our concerns to (Steven sent the enclosed e-mail on April 15th but has not had response from Kerry, other than she is out of the office, Steven is holding off on forwarding the e-mail to Lowell Soike until he receives a response from Kerry).

Dave brought up the issue of getting the St. Wenceslaus property on the National Register. He stated that Robert Vogel, a historian, and Bill Isenberger, a digital cartographer, have volunteered to do this pro bono but would need approximately \$1,500 in expense money. Dave indicated that his company would provide \$500 in cash as well as editing, report reproduction, and support staff. Kevin said he would see if the Pioneer Cemetery association or the Winneshiek County Historical Society would contribute to the project (Kevin sent Steven an e-mail on April 13th indicating that the historical Society would contribute \$250). Steven said he would see if the St. Wenceslaus Heritage Society would be able to contribute as well.

Kevin announced that there is going to be a National Register of Historic Places Workshop in Lansing on June 27th (see enclosed flier). Registration is \$30. One must register by June 16th. Dave pointed out that there should be adequate funding left over for this fiscal year to pay for HPC members to attend this workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Please note, next meeting is on May 10th at 10:00 A.M. at the Old County Jail. Those who want to attend the NR workshop should let Elizabeth know at the next meeting.