

**WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

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

**Commissioners: Kevin Lee  
Ferneva Brimacomb  
Roger Bergan  
Janelle Pavlovec  
Mike Meyer**

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County  
Historic Preservation Commission**

**Meeting**

**October 9, 2010**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Vesterheim Amdal-Odland Heritage Center**

**Present:** Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Dave Stanley, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Steve Johnson, Janelle Pavlovec, Kevin Lee, and Mike Meyer. Guests include Barb Ettleson, and Deborah Bishop.

Steve opened up the meeting with a review of the minutes from the August meeting. Ferneva moved to approve the minutes and Kevin seconded the motion.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report revealing a total balance of \$43,851.16. Roger moved to approve the treasurer's report and Mike seconded the motion.

Dave distributed bound copies of the Calmar Depot nomination. Ferneva indicated she would see to it that copies were given to the Winneshiek County Historic Society and the Decorah Library. Mike said he would see to it the Calmar Library received a copy. Dave brought up the issue of obtaining the actual State Historical Society's comments on the nomination and Janelle offered to contact David Anderson to obtain the comments.

Elizabeth presented a detailed power point presentation of the Vera Harris' manuscript. She estimated that the actual publication release may be around Thanksgiving, hopefully in time for Christmas.

Deborah Bishop gave a presentation on the historic preservation efforts and historic features in Bentonsport, Iowa in Van Buren County. She also outlined the efforts by the Oneota Historic Future Alliance's (OHFA) efforts to preserve the Caretaker's house at the old County Home. Deborah indicated that these efforts included submitting a grant application to nominate the structure to the National Register of Historic Places at an estimated cost of \$4,000. They did not receive the grant so efforts to get the house on the register have stalled.

Dave offered to donate \$1,000 to the Winneshiek HPC to cosponsor the nomination with OHFA if the latter could come up with the balance by the end of the year. Deborah indicated she would let OHFA know of the offer.

Meeting adjourned at 10 A.M.