

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
October 11, 2003
9:00 A.M.
Old Winneshiek County Jail**

Present

Kevin Lee, Steve Johnson, Dave Stanley, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Steven Klimesh

Kevin, Steve, and Dave all come up for reappointment in January and have agreed to accept the appointments to the HPC.

Steve J. brought up the state's financial situation and wondered how grant program's would be affected. The general consensus was that there would be an impact on programs such as the Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) but it was unlikely that the CLG program would be affected since it is a federal program.

Kevin presented information relating to a meeting he and Dave had with the East Side School committee in September. The meeting focused on the potential for East Side School to serve as a regional curation facility, specifically for historic County Courthouse records. The East Side School committee was interested in the possibilities but no direct action was undertaken to initiate a need survey.

Steve K. indicated that a draft of the nomination of the St. Wenceslaus property to the National Register of Historic Places may be complete by the end of the year. Steve K. also reminded the HPC of its \$200 commitment for funding the nomination. Elizabeth indicated that there was \$208.66 remaining in the HPC account. Steve J. thought that the HPC appropriation from the County for the fiscal year (June 30th to July 1st) would be held back until the receipt of property taxes (e.g. October 1). Steve K. moved to write a check for \$200 to the St. Wenceslaus Heritage Society to help fund the NRHP nomination. Dave seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimously by the HPC.

Steve K. asked if the HPC would draft a letter of support for the National Register nomination that would be a district nomination that included the church, the convent, and the cemetery. Steve J. indicated he would prepare such a letter with input from Steve K.

Steve K. provided other news from Spilleville concerning the Spilleville Mill. The present owner is offering the structure for \$1 to someone willing to restore it. The structure is presently empty but in dire need of repair. Steve K. was wondering if the HPC knew of anyone or any organization that might be interested in such a venture. The cost of renovation would be staggering, possibly as much as one million dollars. Although no one was aware of any interest in such an undertaking Elizabeth and Kevin suggested a number of publications that advertise historic structures for sale.

A general discussion took place concerning a historic sites survey and how to fund it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.