

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting
November 10, 2007
8:30 P.M.
Vesterhiem**

Present: Dave Stanley, Roger Bergan, Kevin Lee, Steve Johnson , Elizabeth Lorentzen.

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the minutes from the September meeting. Roger moved to approve the minutes and Kevin seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Elizabeth noted that the West Side school was constructed during the 1930s and that its architecture is the international style.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report and suggested that when the Vera Harris manuscript is ready for the printer we should consider producing a high quality book instead of focusing on number of volumes.

Dave made a motion to focus on quality. Kevin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth indicated that our present CD is valued at \$21,151.17 and it will mature soon (7 month duration). She also said that we presently have \$16,433.75 in our publication fund most of which would be allocated for the Vera Harris book. However it is unlikely that the manuscript would be ready for publication within a seven month time span. So Elizabeth suggested that we put \$12,000 in a CD.

Kevin moved to authorize Elizabeth to re-do the existing CD and purchase a second one for \$12,000. Roger seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Dave moved to approve the treasurer's report and Kevin seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Dave brought up a recent conversation he had with Lee Bjerke, the County Engineer, concerning the Turkey River Bridge. Lee was considering salvaging the bowstrings and align them with the new structure. They would not be attached to the new structure and would stand alone although it would give the appearance of a bowstring structure. Lee was wondering if the Commission had any thoughts on this. He anticipated it would cost around \$35,000 and was also wondering about grant sources.

Steve noted that this is the third longest bowstring bridge in the country but questioned whether or not it was worth just saving parts of the structure and wondered how it would look. Dave said he would see if Lee could attend a commission meeting and present what he has in mind.

Kevin thought it would be nice if the County could acquire some property where salvaged and re-useable material could be stored for later applications as opposed to spending funds on a façade.

On another topic Kevin discussed the use of a three dimensional point cloud scan to record all exterior facets and features of the East Side School transforming the data into a GIS. A company has offered to do this for a fee of \$5,000. An anonymous donor has stepped forward to fund this but a sponsor was needed. Kevin wondered if the Historic Preservation Commission would be an appropriate sponsor. Steve suggested that the Winneshiek County Historical Society might be more appropriate. Since the Historical Society was going to meet that afternoon, Ferneva, Roger, and Kevin said they would bring this topic up with them. Steve said that they could say that the HPC would recommend proceeding with this project. Time was of the essence since demolition was going to begin soon.

Dave mentioned that he would need information for submitting the annual report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M. Next meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 2008.