

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County  
Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting  
May 19, 2007  
8:30 A.M.  
Old Winneshiek County Jail**

**Present**

Kevin Lee, Dave Stanley, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Ferneva Bremicomb, Roger Bergan, Rob Shadwick.

Elizabeth brought copies of the recently published self-guiding tour of historical buildings in Decorah. We decided that they would sell at 10 for \$40. Elizabeth indicated that she would work with the Nordic Fest committee to make sure these booklets are readily available during Nordic Fest. She also notified the commission that she has a new e-mail address: eelorentzen@gmail.com.

There was a brief discussion of the minutes from the April meeting. Kevin moved to approve the minutes and Roger seconded the motion. The April meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Dave had Kevin check the location of the Freeport Cemetery on a USGS 7.5 quad map to make sure it is correct and Kevin noted that it was. Kevin also indicated that the cemetery has been recorded in the courthouse as being owned by Lensing. It was not clear how the property was acquired and we had assumed it was owned by the Freeport Cemetery association. Dave mentioned that the Association of Iowa Archeologists is meeting at Luther College on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and he would see if Shirley Schermer would be willing to meet with commission members after the AIA meeting. Kevin estimated the size of the cemetery is approximately 3 acres but it is not real clear on just how large it is. He also thought we need to track the existing erosion. Dave said he would include that in the grant application and request for proposals.

Elizabeth presented the Treasurer's report. Rob moved to approve the treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Kevin. It was approved unanimously.

Ferneva informed the commission that the Winneshiek County Historical Society would be holding a fund raiser at the Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also mentioned that the WCHS had received a \$5,100 grant from the Winneshiek County Gaming Revenue Committee. This grant would be used to computerize the WCHS collection.

Ferneva and Elizabeth indicated that they would be attending the Statewide Preservation Conference in Waterloo on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Dave moved to reimburse them for expenses and the motion was seconded by Rob. It was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M. Next Meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup>.