

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

Present: Dave Stanley, Roger Bergan, Kevin Lee, Rob Shadwick, Elizabeth Lorentzen.

Kevin opened the meeting with a discussion concerning a tour of East Side School by Doug Steinmetz, an architectural historian with the Iowa State Historical Society. Kevin accompanied Doug along with the new superintendent. Doug thought the school was in very good condition. He estimated the cost of mothballing the structure would be approximately \$200,000.

Dave distributed the minutes from the July and August meetings. A couple of typos were pointed out by the commission and then Rob moved to approve the minutes. Roger seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Elizabeth brought up the Vera Harris manuscript which is becoming huge as she gathers more and information including photographs and reminisces of stories that have been passed through family members over the years. Dave offered editorial assistance and suggested that it might be necessary to present this in two volumes. The first focusing on Vera's manuscript with a follow up volume pertaining to the information that has surfaced once the word was out.

Elizabeth indicated she had a request from the East Side committee wondering if the commission would be able to offer any financial support if their effort to lease the East Side School is successful. A brief discussion took place with Elizabeth noting that Hope Malkin requested that her Aunts donation not be used for East Side unless the restoration of the school became a sure thing. Dave thought that it was important that the commission maintain an endowment in the form of interest from the certificate of deposit. Everyone agreed. It was decided to hold off on any further discussion until after the election results.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M. Next meeting is scheduled for October 13th.