

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Old Winneshiek County Jail, January 13, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Dave Stanley, Kim Glock, Roger Bergan, Steve Johnson, LaVonne Sharp, David Wadsworth and John Beard.

Steve opened the meeting by welcoming David Wadsworth who was recently appointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Historic Preservation Commission and provided some background information to David. Dave outlined a brief history of the HPC.

Steve moved on to the November minutes and asked if there were any adjustments. None were noted and LaVonne moved to approve, Kim seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The next topic was the Treasurer's report. Although Elizabeth was unable to attend the meeting she had provided a report. Kim moved to accept the report, Roger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At this point a general discussion was undertaken regarding requesting an allotment from the Board of Supervisors for 2018. The Treasurer's report indicated we had a balance of approximately \$3,500 carried over from previous allotments and the general consensus was that additional funds were not needed. Dave noted that the HPC should acquire a modern desktop computer once County office space was available in order to plug into the County's digital network as well as archive HPC records. The Commission felt that the current balance would be adequate for that.

Steve said that he and Dave would attend the upcoming BOS and explain why the Commission would not be requesting funds.

Dave updated the Commission regarding the Highlandville School. With approximately \$9,000 in the school fund Dave said he and Terri would explore potential grants to see if those funds could be leveraged into additional monies.

John discussed recent BOS topics noting he was impressed with the outcome of the Bluffton House. He also noted the cost of maintaining the Frankville School, which is on the National Register and is presently owned by the Winneshiek

County Conservation Commission. John floated the idea that the structure might be better served if it was sold to a private party. A discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of such a move. David asked if the leakage around the bell tower had been addressed and John was not sure if it had been.

The next topic was the Audrey Malkan Estate. Steve presented excerpts from minutes between 2004 and 2007 and the 2004 annual report that note the details presented in the original bequest. Roger provided the original bequest. A general discussion followed regarding whether the Commission should proceed with the second addition of the Vera Harris book or not. No decision was reached and the topic was shelved until the next meeting when the full Commission would be available.

A discussion than followed regarding freeing up office space for the HPC in the Old Jail. It was thought that the County Historical Society would clear out the space by the end of the January. Dave would proceed with exploring desktop computers.

Locations for future meetings were discussed with Kendallville being a possible location.

The final topic discussed was sponsoring a regional workshop. Dave questioned what facilities might be available. Steve thought we might be able to work something out with Vesterheim Museum.

LaVonn moved to adjourn and Kim seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Adjourned at 10 AM.