

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Old Winneshiek County Jail February 11, 2017 at 8:30 AM.

Present: Dave Stanley, Kim Glock, LaVonne Sharp, Roger Bergan, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Dennis Karlsbrotten, and John Beard.

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the minutes from the January meeting. Dennis moved to approve the minutes and Roger seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the treasurer's report. Kim moved to approve the treasurer's report and LaVonne seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

John updated the Commission regarding the Board of Supervisors activities regarding historic preservation issues. The Board met with architectural historian Doug Steinmetz regarding the leaky roof at the courthouse and a plan is being developed to address the problem.

The next topic involved the Bluffton House. Kim noted that a secure tarp had been placed on the roof as well as other efforts to prevent further deterioration of the structure. Elizabeth noted that that must have occurred after Thanksgiving weekend when she was at the site. The status of the memorandum of agreement was not known.

Discussion of the annual report followed. Dave noted he was working on it and he had received the necessary information from Commission members regarding their 2016 activities.

Steve brought up the Jim Boeding Schoolhouse which is in pretty bad shape. A brief discussion occurred on what, if anything, the Commission could do. It was decided that the Commission lacked the resources to address the issue.

Dennis brought up the North Winneshiek School archives that presently are stored at the school, which will soon be closed. A general discussion took place noting that the Commission was not in a position to accept the archives. The general consensus was that the Winneshiek County Historical Society would be the ideal organization to address this issue.

The next topic was the need for the Commission to acquire some office space. Dave pointed out that the two rooms in the Old Jail would be ideal. There are some things belonging to the Historical Society in both rooms. Ferneva asked about the Smith Building and John was not sure about available space there but offered to investigate it further.

The final item discussed was a county wide survey of stone structures. A general discussion took place concerning methods and objectives as well as possibly contracting out for the survey or having the Commission undertake it with assistance of the Historical Society. No decision was made on this issue.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.