

**WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Steven Johnson, Chairperson**  
**David Stanley, Secretary**  
**Elizabeth Lorentzen, Treasurer**  
**LaVonne Sharp**

**Roger Bergan**  
**Ferneva Brimacomb**  
**David Wadsworth**  
**Kim Glock**  
**Terri Mozzone**

**Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission  
Special meeting at the Old Winneshiek County Jail, March 28, 2018 at 5:30  
PM.**

Present: Dave Stanley, Kim Glock, Roger Bergan, Steve Johnson, Ferneva Brimacomb, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Kim Glock, and Terri Mozzone (via conference call).

Steve initiated this special meeting for discussion of the Malkan Estate dissolution by contacting Terri. Once she was on the line the meeting began.

The first order of business was reviewing the minutes from the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. LaVonne moved to approve the minutes and Terri seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The second topic focused on the Treasurer's report which indicated that the total value of the Malkan Estate, including the original bequest principal (\$35,000), interest, and return on book sales, to be \$44,377.43.

*Secretary's note, this number does not include the value of the approximately 108 remaining books from the original production run of 1,000, only the cash.*

Terri moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Kim moved to second the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The need for the special meeting, dissolution of the Malkan Estate funds from within the context of the Historic Preservation and transferred to the Winneshiek County Historical Society as outlined in the original bequest, was discussed. Included in the transfer are the 108 books remaining from the original printing.

The Commission reviewed the Agreement to transfer these assets which was prepared by the County Attorney. The signees of this document that represented each organization would be Steve Johnson for the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission and Ferneva Brimacomb for the Winneshiek County Historical Society.

Steve noted that the three Winneshiek County Historical Society executive officers who are also Commissioners would recuse themselves from discussion and voting on this topic, as outlined in the Agreement. This included Ferneva

Brimacombe, LaVonne Sharp, and Roger Bergan.

Kim moved to approve the agreement that transfers the Malkan Estate assets to the Winneshiek County Historical Society as outlined in the original bequest. Terri seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the remaining Commissioners (Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, David Stanley, Terri Mozzone, Kim Glock, David Wadsworth) unanimously.

*Secretary's note, the Agreement document was not fully executed at the Commission meeting but it was on ??????. The funds and books were transferred on April 25, 2018.*

At this point Terri (via conference call) had to leave the meeting.

The discussion next focused on the upcoming workshop on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Steve indicated that the information on the workshop had been sent to Paula Mohr (the State Historical Society CLG coordinator) for distribution to other HPCs in Iowa. Steve also encouraged the Winneshiek County Historical Society to distribute the announcement through their organizational contacts. Ferneva said they would do so.

Dave updated the Commission on the status of the HPC office in the Old Winneshiek County Jail. Dave indicated that there were no new developments since the last meeting but the County was proceeding with updating the wiring.

Steve brought up the proclamation for Historic Preservation Month. He had a conversation with Paula Mohr concerning scheduling of press releases. Steve said he would setup a tentative photo opportunity with the Board of Supervisors for May 1<sup>st</sup> and then arrange press releases for the local news outlets. Steve encouraged everyone to attend the photo op.

Dave reviewed the potential characteristics for setting up HPC site inventory forms using the state models but including and noting sites that have local significance. The Leon Brown Farmstead being a good example.

David outlined information on the Luther College Farm on Pole Line Road (not to be confused with the Jewel Farm on College Drive). David noted the farmstead is largely abandoned and may well be allowed to fall into disrepair. Dave noted the removal of a portion of the barn last summer. A brief discussion followed regarding the documentation of the farmstead, both architectural and potential archeological components. Both Dave and David thought Luther College has the staff and equipment to carry out recordation activities. David offered to contact Luther as a follow up to gauge their interest.

The final topic was replacing the HPC Secretary. Dave, who has served in that role since 1999 is resigning at the conclusion of the present meeting in order to

give other commissioners the opportunity to serve as Secretary. LaVonne thought it would be a conflict of interest for any of the executive officers from the Winneshiek County Historical Society to serve as Secretary which limited the potential pool of Commissioners to five (minus Dave). No one offered to take over the position and the general consensus was that whoever took the minutes would be decided on a meeting by meeting basis. Other secretary activities, such as preparing the annual report and making sure WCHPC records are archived properly were not discussed.

LaVonne moved to adjourn the meeting and Roger seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup>.