

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes of the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the Highlandville School, Highlandville, Iowa. November 12, 2016.

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

The Highland Township board of trustees were also in attendance.

Steve opened the meeting with a review of the October meeting minutes. Terri moved to approve the minutes and LaVonne seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Elizabeth presented the Treasurer's report. Kim moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Roger seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. The October Treasurer's report was presented as well since Elizabeth missed the last meeting. Dave moved to approve the October report and LaVonne seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Elizabeth discussed moving the Commission's money market account from Farmer's and Merchant's Bank to Decorah Bank and Trust because the interest rate was significantly higher. LaVonne made a motion to do so and Terri seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

The discussion turned to the Highlandville School and the recently completed interior work, plaster repair, painting etc. John commented on how great it looked and discussed the Hesper School which had been torn down decades ago. Something the community of Hesper deeply regrets to this day.

Future improvements for the Highlandville School were discussed with input from the board of trustees, including exterior painting, floor sanding and refinishing, and possibly establishing some affordable heating. Terri noted that some of the original furniture including a table and cabinets needed repairing.

LaVonne suggested the Trustees form a non-profit for the school. John said he would discuss that with the County Attorney to see if that was feasible.

The next topic was the Bluffton House and the DNR. Dave indicated little has been done by the DNR in that regard although Dave and Kim were present for a conference call with the DNR, the SHPO, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Dave presented the general nature of the call which focused on establishing a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The DNR is preparing the MOA and planned on distributing it yet this year.

Steve reminded everyone to get their activity information together and to Dave so he can assemble the HPC's annual report.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.