

Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission
November 14, 2020

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission (WCHPC) met at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex with the following members present: Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacombe, Ashley Christensen, Kim Glock, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Janelle Pavlovec and David Wadsworth.

Steve Johnson shared with members the 2021 Preserve Iowa brochure, scheduled for June 3-5, 2021 in Council Bluffs.

Minutes of the September 12, 2020 were read. A correction to information listed on the Al Becker Project was noted. Glock moved and Bergan seconded to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lorentzen. Lorentzen noted that many grants have come in and thanked Johnson for his efforts. Discussion took place on funding (\$1,000) provided to the WCHPC by the Board of Supervisors for use on the Frankville School Project; the funds were ultimately not needed for project completion. The Board of Supervisors informed the WCHPC to keep the funds for future use. Glock moved and Bergan seconded to shift the \$1,000 into the General Use Fund. Motion carried. Glock moved and Bergan seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

John Beard, Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors' Representative, was not present to provide a report.

Johnson provided an update on the Stone Structure Survey. Shay Gooder of Bear Creek Archaeology anticipates the survey to be complete by December 1, 2020. Then it will be time for work on the publication of the booklet, with completion slated for Spring 2021.

Glock provided an update on the Al Becker Project. Glock mentioned how appreciative Al and Luann Becker were of the interview opportunity. Copies of the recording were made for Al's three daughters, who were also very appreciative. Additionally, the Becker's donated a flag made by Luann to the Winneshiek County Historical Society honoring the Ho-Chunk Nations. It was a great experience for all involved.

Lorentzen gave an update on the Dam Gate Interpretive Sign. Lorentzen has been working many hours to complete the sign layout. She is currently finalizing a diagram of the dam gate, which has been a great learning experience for her. She worked with the Winneshiek County Auditor's Office and the Iowa DNR to include a map on the sign. As soon as the diagram is complete, Lorentzen will work with Deb Paulson of Zelda Productions to upload the graphic and send it to Fossil Industries for printing.

Johnson gave an update on the Dam Gate Project. The permit process through the Iowa DNR for the cement pad is taking longer than anticipated; concrete work will now likely take place this spring. The WCHPC hopes to schedule a dedication for the project this spring, which may help move the permit process along.

Wadsworth gave an update on Fields Services Consultant for the Old Hospital - Smith Building. Wadsworth was to meet with Doug Steinmetz on Tuesday, November 17th, but this meeting has been postponed due to COVID-19 concerns. Wadsworth will send a summary statement to the WCHPC after his meeting with Steinmetz. Lorentzen has provided some historical information to Wadsworth in relation to the project.

Under New Business, Johnson listed out recent grants received by the WCHPC- MiEnergy Cooperative Award (\$500), Depot Outlet Award (\$2,000), Winn. Co. Development & Tourism Award (\$1,000) and Arlin Falck Award (\$1,500). Johnson also brought up the CLG Annual Report and reminded members to submit WCHPC activities to him by mid-December or earlier; Johnson will work with Christensen to submit the CLG report

online. The WCHPC then discussed off-site meetings after the pandemic; suggestions included Fort Atkinson (Sacred Hill tour), St. Lucas and also a 1-day workshop highlighting Fort Atkinson. Glock brought up WCHPC member terms; Johnson mentioned that members with expiring terms (Glock, Sharp and Wadsworth) need to submit paperwork by December 15th to be reinstated on the WCHPC. Lorentzen mentioned an upcoming Courthouse Improvement Meeting on December 14th.

Date of next meeting will be January 9th at the Annex Building at 8:30am.

Move by Bergan to adjourn, seconded by Wadsworth. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Christensen, Secretary.