

Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission
February 13, 2021

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission (WCHPC) met at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex with the following members present: Roger Bergan, Ashley Christensen, Kim Glock, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Janelle Pavlovec and LaVonne Sharp. Guests present: Shay Gooder, Bear Creek Archaeology.

Minutes of the January 9, 2021 meeting were read. Glock moved and Sharp seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lorentzen. The only disbursement made was for Deb Paulsen for the Tainter Gate sign. Accounts receivable has not changed. The idea to create a new line in the budget for 'publications' was discussed. Sharp 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.

Under Old Business, Christensen provided an update on the CLG Annual Report. The Board of Supervisor's approved the CLG Annual Report on February 8th, and it was submitted via the online system on February 11th.

Guest Shay Gooder, representing Bear Creek Archaeology, provided the commission with a thorough presentation on the Stone Structure Survey and upcoming publication. 112 structures were included as part of the survey, and Iowa State Inventory Forms were completed for 10 of the properties. The publication will now be printed in full color and will be ready for public availability this spring. The publication will be sold at the Chamber and possible other locations; a selling price of \$7.50-\$10/piece was mentioned. The suggestion to offer a flash drive and/or online version in place of CDs was brought up. Draft documents will be available for review at the Bodensteiner House for a limited time.

Lorentzen provided an update on the Dam Gate Interpretive Sign. Lorentzen is expecting notification soon of the sign being done. It will be delivered to Johnson's garage.

Johnson provided an update on the Dam Gate Project. Johnson is waiting on confirmation from Walmart for its contribution of Rust-Oleum for the project. Johnson suggested setting the dedication event for the first Friday in June. Kayla Lyon (DNR) would be available on this date to say a few words. Bergan moved and Lorentzen seconded to set the first Friday in June as the date for the Dam Gate dedication event. Motion carried.

Under New Business, Johnson provided information on the status of the Survey of Mill Sites in Winneshiek County project. Johnson requested and received an estimate from Bear Creek Archaeology for their services. The fundraising goal for the project is at least \$8,500. Johnson will be meeting with the Depot Outlet Board in March to request \$2,000 in funding. A contribution of \$1,000 from the Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee should be coming in soon as well. After these grants are received, project funds will be at \$7,000. The idea to make a small gift to the Winneshiek County Historical Society for their usage of material for the project was mentioned; this would replace paying an hourly rate.

Johnson provided information on the Chamber's offer to market the commission's two older publications. An inventory of 700-800 of each publication is still in boxes in the commission's office. Johnson advocated to sell these at \$3/piece to the Chamber, who will then sell at \$5/piece to the public. Pavlovec moved and Bergan seconded to sell the two publications at \$3/piece to the Chamber, who will then sell at \$5/piece to the public. Motion carried.

Johnson provided information on the Courthouse application for an Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant. A letter of support was requested from the commission, which was approved by the commission via email for Johnson to provide one.

Johnson provided an update on the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission (DHPC)'s effort to possibly move the train tracks from the Ingvolstad Lumber Building. DHPC said they would be in touch with us on next steps if/when the process moves forward.

Date of next meeting will be March 13th at the Annex Building at 8:30am.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Christensen, Secretary.