

**Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**April 10, 2021**

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

Minutes of the March 13, 2021 meeting were read. Sharp moved and Glock seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lorentzen. An ending balance of \$11,721.02 was reported for all funds. An ending balance of \$2,089.27 for General Operating Funds less restricted funds was reported. A Publications Fund has been added to the report; Lorentzen requested the Commission to make note of who the publications are sold to. Wadsworth 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, Johnson provided an update on the Status of the Stone Structures Tour Guide. Publications are available for purchase at the Chamber and Heritage Center. A request has also been made to Dragonfly books.

Johnson provided an update on the Smith Building and Rebecca Conard. Word was received that the Smith Building is eligible for a National Register Nomination. Johnson will inquire on Conard's interest for completing the National Register application. Johnson will meet with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the project in more detail. Wadsworth requested to be included in the discussion. Lorentzen has submitted an article to Tanya at the paper.

Christensen provided an update on the Tainter Dam Gate Dedication—10:30am on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Trout Run Park. DNR Director Kayla Lyon, Iowa Cultural Affairs Director Chris Kramer and DNR River Programs Coordinator Nate Hoogeveen have confirmed their attendance and availability to speak for 3-5 minutes. Johnson noted that the concrete pad has been poured. Decorah Parks and Rec is arranging to have the gate placed on the pad. Then, cleaning and application of the rust inhibitor will take place.

Johnson provided an update on the Status of the Depot Outlet Application for the Mill Survey. The request was approved.

Johnson provided an update on the Hotel/Motel Application. A check will be coming. Johnson intends to arrange a photo shoot.

Johnson provided an update on the Status of the Walmart Application for the Mill Survey. The Decorah Walmart Manager has received the application. We are awaiting confirmation of the award amount (request was \$500). The number of coats of the rust inhibitor will depend on how much funding is received.

Under New Business, Johnson provided an update on the grant funds committed and in the process for the Survey of Mill Sites in Winneshiek County: Depot Outlet- \$2,000 (approved); CUSB- \$250 (approved); Decorah Bank and Trust- \$100 of requested \$250 (approved); Kerndt Brothers- \$250 (pending); Viking State Bank- \$250 (pending); Hotel/Motel- \$1,000 (approved).

Johnson requested assistance for distributing the Stone Structure publication to county libraries. Pavlovec volunteered to assist.

Johnson brought up the idea to reschedule the Fort Atkinson workshop (cancelled due to COVID-19) for Fall 2021. It was noted that scheduling would depend on the progression of the pandemic. It was suggested to keep the St. Lucas German Fest and Fort Atkinson Rendezvous Days in mind as planning takes place. Another thought was to plan for Spring 2022 in conjunction with National Historic Preservation Month.

Johnson reminded the Commission to sign-up for the 2021 Virtual Preserve Iowa Summit happening in early June. Costs for participating in the conference will be reimbursed by the Commission.

Johnson mentioned that he signed up and has received a Certified Local Government Scholarship to the virtual **Main Street Now 2021** conference. The CLG scholarship for online educational training is this coming week.

Discussion then took place on how to handle requests made to the Heritage Center for scanned copies of the publications. The idea to stamp copies with WCHPC was brought up; Glock will look into purchasing a stamp and pad. Glock moved and Lorentzen seconded to give permission to the Winneshiek County Historical Society to make copies at their discretion and to stamp any copies made with stamp and pad provided by the Commission. Motion carried.

Johnson provided an update that the county website has been updated with the correct Commission name and date of incorporation. Lorentzen noted that one error still exists; Johnson will bring this to the attention of Fatimetu at the courthouse.

Pavlovec brought up a discussion point regarding historic structures in Calmar and Spillville and the need to reiterate the importance of preservation. The idea to write letters to the City Council was mentioned. Johnson and Christensen volunteered to work on this request.

Date of next meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at the Annex Building at 8:30am.

Moved by Sharp to adjourn, seconded by Bergan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Christensen, Secretary.