

Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission
June 12, 2021

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission (WCHPC) met at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex with the following members present: John Beard (Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors' Representative), Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Ashley Christensen, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen and LaVonne Sharp. Also present was Shay Gooder of Bear Creek Archaeology.

Minutes of the May 8, 2021 meeting were read. Sharp moved and Brimacomb seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lorentzen. An ending balance of \$7,663.70 was reported for all funds. An ending balance of \$1,832.82 was reported for General Operating Funds less restricted funds. Bergan moved and Sharp seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Shay Gooder with Bear Creek Archaeology (BCA) joined the meeting for discussion on the Mill Survey proposal. After further discussion, the following action items were identified to be included as part of the project: compiled mill data will be stored by BCA during course of project; data will be organized and included in final report; compiled data will be returned to WCHPC at conclusion; landowner contact letters will be sent out; a news release will be prepared to inform public and ask for input (photos, background data); a survey report will be completed; Iowa Archaeological Site Forms will be completed as necessary; an auto-tour guide will be assembled. Data organization and assembly will occur over the winter of 2021-2022. Fieldwork will commence in early spring of 2022.

Beard and Johnson provided an update on the Smith Building CLG Application process. Rebecca Conard's costs will be \$6,500, The grant would cover 60% of costs, with 40% (\$2,600) needing to be covered locally. Beard will bring it up at the next Supervisors Meeting. Johnson suggested trying for the CLG grant first before asking for private donations. WCHPC could assist with the application if needed.

Christensen and Johnson provided a recap of the Tainter Dam Gam Dedication event held on Friday, June 4th. It was agreed that the event was a big success with three dozen people in attendance. Thank you to all who were involved in making the day a success.

Johnson provided an update on the Distribution of Guide Booklets to County Libraries. Pavlovec volunteered during the April meeting to deliver the booklets. Pavlovec has not been present to report back to the commission, and Pavlovec has not responded to Johnson's requests for an update. Johnson will contact county libraries to inquire if distribution has taken place. Lorentzen volunteered to step in and deliver if needed.

Johnson provided information on the Hotel/Motel Application. Johnson learned that WCHPC would be able to apply for another round of funding this fall.

Under New Business, Johnson provided an update on the Wiest Mill State Site Inventory Form Project. Once the second and final HRDP reimbursement has been received, Johnson suggested using some of the extra funds from the Dam Gate project to pay for getting the Wiest Mill on the Iowa State Inventory. Bergan moved and Lorentzen seconded to use surplus special project funds from the Dam Gate project to support the Wiest Mill Iowa State Inventory Form process. Motion carried.

Johnson provided information for discussion on the Rescheduling of the Fall Workshop at Fort Atkinson. Clair Blong of the German American Museum in St. Lucas is interested in a joint workshop in October. The thought is to host a one-day event, with part of the day in Fort Atkinson and part of the day in St. Lucas. Gooder mentioned

that the WCHPC Stone Structure Survey was mentioned in a recent publication by the German American Museum.

Date of next meeting will be August 14th at 8:30 am at the Annex Building. (Note: No meeting in July)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Christensen, Secretary.