

**Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**January 8, 2022**

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 (via phone), Zach Fromm, Kim Glock, Steve Johnson, Elizabeth Lorentzen and David Wadsworth.

Johnson welcomed Fromm to the Commission. Fromm introduced himself to the Commission.

Minutes of the November 13, 2021 meeting were read. Bergan moved and Wadsworth seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Lorentzen presented the Treasurer's Report. Two reports were shared, the WCHPC January 2022 Treasurer's Report and an end-of-the-year 2021 WCHPC Treasurer's Report. An ending balance of \$3,652.17 was reported for General Operating Funds less restricted funds. Moved by Brimacomb and seconded by Lorentzen to take advertising expenses out of Operations. Motion carried. Moved by Glock and seconded by Bergan to handle the future county schools publication as a 'Temporarily Restricted Gift' fund. Motion carried. Moved by Wadsworth and seconded by Brimacomb to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Beard was not present to provide a report for the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors.

Under Old Business, Johnson gave an update on the Wiest Mill ISIF. A Letter of Eligibility was received for the mill district.

Glock provided an update on the 1874 Winneshiek County Wall Plat Map. Framing has still not been completed, but supplies have been ordered. Pictures of the plat map sites are now uploaded to the WCHPC website.

Johnson provided an update on the Smith Memorial Hospital National Register Nomination. The CLG grant to support the cost of applying was received, but the news is not yet public.

Johnson provided an update on the Survey of Winneshiek County Mills. Several individuals are going through archives to locate information for the survey. 54 mills have been located in Winneshiek County; only three of the 54 are currently standing.

Christensen provided an update on the CLG Annual Report. The report is just about ready to submit.

Johnson provided an updated on the News Release of the Mill Survey Project. Decorah Newspapers will be running some articles about the various mill sites. He may see if Calmar Courier will run the articles too. To date, four calls have come in about mills based on newspaper articles that have already been printed.

Under New Business, Johnson discussed the County School Booklet. He anticipates the publication will be complete in late fall of 2022. The State Rural School Conference may be held in June of 2023 in Decorah. This will be the third time the conference has been held in Winneshiek County. Brimacombe offered her assistance with helping organize the conference as needed.

Johnson discussed inviting Shay Gooder to the WCHPC February Meeting to give an update on the Mill project. The commission was in agreement on the matter.

Lorentzen mentioned the Spillville School and that it might be taken down in the near future.

Johnson mentioned that the Dam Gate project was featured in the national publication put out by the Society for Industrial Archeology.

Date of next meeting will be February 12 at 8:30 at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex.

Moved by Lorentzen to adjourn, seconded by Glock. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Christensen, Secretary.