

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 12, 2022

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission met at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex with the following members present: Steve Johnson, Ferneva Brimacomb, Roger Bergan, Elizabeth Lorentzen, Kim Glock, David Wadsworth, Ashley Christensen, John Beard, LaVonne Sharp (by phone), Zach Fromm (by phone). Members of the public present included: Janelle Pavlovec.

Minutes of the February 12, 2022 meeting were read. Bergan moved and Brimacomb seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Lorentzen presented the Treasurer's Report. An ending general operating fund balance less restricted funds was \$3,152.17. The only activity for the month included a donation of \$500 from Deco Products for the country schools publication. Glock moved and Wadsworth seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Beard reported on the ongoing repairs (tuckpointing) on the Courthouse and that bids came in lower than anticipated.

Under Old Business, Johnson reported on the Smith Memorial Hospital NR nomination project. He worked with the new SHPO coordinator, Allison Archambo, this week to draft the RFP and Scope of Work for the project. These will be sent to the following three consultants approved by the State: Rebecca Conard, Brandon Scott and Leah Rogers.

Johnson reported on the Country School Self-Guiding School Booklets. A rough draft has been completed and photos will be taken this spring. The photographer will be donating his services. Bergan moved and Lorentzen seconded to approve paying the photographer's mileage at the current government rate. Motion carried.

Johnson reported on the final news release contest for the Mill Project. The Chamber Dollar contest has been great PR for the WCHPC both locally and with the State. Johnson also noted that he met with Shay Gooder recently, and the project is moving along smoothly.

Under New Business, Johnson shared that the 2022 State Rural School Conference will be held at UNI in October. He would share more details as they come.

Johnson gave a brief update on the 2023 State Rural School Conference, to be held at Luther College in mid-June 2023.

Johnson gave an update on fundraising status of the Country School Booklet. \$500 was received from Deco Products. Johnson presented this past week to the Depot Outlet board, and we will find out soon about the \$2,000 grant request.

Fromm mentioned that WCDI has been in communication with the City of Spillville regarding the school building. Pavlovec (member of the public) noted that she recently toured the building. Wadsworth plans to set up a tour date/time and will communicate details to the WCHPC.

Next meeting date will be April 9, 2022 at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex.

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