

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 11, 2023

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission met at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex with the following members present: Don Arendt, Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacombe, Ashley Christensen, Zach Fromm, Kim Glock, Steve Johnson, Steve Kelsay, Elizabeth Lorentzen and LaVonne Sharp. Members of the public included: Janelle Pavlovec.

Minutes of the February 11, 2023 and February 21, 2023 meetings were reviewed. Sharp moved and Bergan seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Arendt presented the Treasurer's Report. There was no change in account balance from February to March. Report format has been updated to Excel. Glock moved and Fromm seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Steve Kelsay, Winneshiek County Board of Supervisor's Liaison representative, shared insights learned during a visioning session he attended recently in Des Moines. Johnson added that the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will be hosting a webinar on visioning March 23rd from 12-1:30pm. Johnson will reserve a room in the library for group viewing; email Johnson if you are interested in joining for the webinar.

Under Old Business, Johnson reported on the Mill Survey and Booklet. Charlie is working through the proofing of the book. June is the tentative publication timeframe. Shay Gooder of Bear Creek will join for our April meeting and present on the survey findings. Johnson shared information with Bear Creek on the St. George Mill Site in Washington Township, which he recently discovered through research, and it will now be included in the survey.

Johnson reported on the Smith Memorial Hospital National Register (NR) nomination project. There are no new updates. The decision of the nomination application should be announced this summer.

Under New Business, Johnson reported on the SHPO National Register Conference. The National Register position at the state level remains vacant, but SHPO is still planning on the fall conference. Winneshiek County last hosted a SHPO conference in 2008.

Johnson reported on the Linderbaum-Palmer Barn Project. He had inquired if any member of the family would be interested in putting in an application for joining the WCHPC to help with representation from the southern portion of the county. Jim Palmer, Sr. intends to submit an application.

Next meeting date will be at 8:30am on April 8, 2023 at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex.

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