

WINNESHIEK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 10, 2023

The Winneshiek County Historic Preservation Commission met at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex with the following members present: Roger Bergan, Ferneva Brimacomb, Ashley Christensen, Kim Glock, Steve Johnson, Steve Kelsay, Elizabeth Lorentzen and LaVonne Sharp. Members of the public included: Danielle Dotzenrod, Ron Novak and Janelle Pavlovec.

Minutes of the May 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Sharp moved and Bergan seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report on Arendt's behalf. An ending checking account balance of \$15,532.70 was reported. Glock moved and Sharp seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Danielle Dotzenrod was present to share with the Commission details of her efforts in restoring the Horn House, which is on the National Register. She has discovered an old abandoned road that connects the property to Highway 52. She mentioned her plans to turn the road into a trail for the public, should the County decide to not vacate the roadway. Johnson, Arendt and Glock toured the property and were extremely impressed with the restoration efforts. Johnson will contact the State regarding historic road criteria.

Steve Kelsay, Winneshiek County Board of Supervisor's Liaison representative, had no additional report to share. He had suggested Danielle Dotzenrod come and present to the Commission.

Under Old Business, Johnson reported on the Mill Booklet Update. Deb Paulson will be starting the draft of the booklet soon. August is the anticipated time frame for publication of the booklet.

Christensen reported on the Status of the Smith Hospital CLG Grant. She now has all the paperwork needed to submit the CLG report.

Under New Business, Johnson and Sharp reported on Member Assignments – WCHPC County Fair Table. Johnson described the general layout of the table. He will look into prices for a banner. Sharp requested volunteers to sit at the table for two-hour time slots and passed around a sign-up sheet.

Johnson reported on the SHPO National Register Conference. SHPO offered October 6th and October 20th as options. Brimacomb moved and Glock seconded to approve October 20th as the date of the conference. Motion carried.

Johnson reported on the RJ McElroy – St. George Project. Johnson has been in contact with Stephanie Fromm of Winneshiek County Development and Tourism and Collin Betts of Luther College regarding the project. Stephanie Fromm will be joining Johnson on a call with RJ McElroy Foundation to discuss potential funding opportunities for the project. Collin Betts suggested starting initially with a reconnaissance survey using ground-penetrating radar. Ron Novak also reported on the project and shared details he has uncovered through his research.

Next meeting date will be at 8:30am on August 12, 2023 at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Annex. Shay Gooder of Bear Creek Archeology will be presenting on the Mill Survey, and the public will be invited to attend the presentation.

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