

Minutes for CCHPC meeting Friday, August 14, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Roger Thomas at 9:00 AM, Meeting was held at the Masonic Lodge-Elkader, Iowa. Those present were Ellen Collins, Gary Goyette, Milt Johnson, John Nikolai and Roger Thomas. Lee Lenth was absent.

Agenda was unanimously approved in a motion by Milt Johnson and seconded by John Nikolai.

Minutes from July 10, 2020 were unanimously approved in a motion by John Nikolai and seconded by Milt Johnson.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ellen Collins stated she has located 3 new stone structures at Spook Cave and requested permission to have pictures of them placed on our website www.claytoncountystonestructures.com. Motion approved unanimously to do this. Ellen will contact Joleen Jansen place them on the website.

Update on Osborne storyboard: Commissioner Ellen Collins reported that progress has been made and hopefully it will be done soon. Verna Lenth has volunteered to critique it. Ellen has attempted to contact a relative of the original owner of the Osborne Creamery Cellar but has not heard back from her. Ellen will continue efforts to get a hold of her.

Update on Cardinal Hickory Creek 345-KV Power line studies: After some discussion Commission decided to take a stand on this attempt to place high power electrical transmission lines through Clayton County crossing into Wisconsin. The lines will run through Clayton County but county will receive no electrical benefit from these structures. Motion made by John Nikolai and seconded by Gary Goyette to object to this project because of unknown possible Indian Mounds in the area, potential of destroying the natural beauty of the area and possibility of a Pioneer Cemetery in the area and human remains may be disturbed. Chairperson Roger Thomas suggested that County Attorney Zach Hermann be asked to write this letter on the Commission's behalf. Chairperson Thomas also suggested a letter be sent to the Dubuque County HPC to let them know our objections to this project since it would also run thru Dubuque County. Motion was passed unanimously. Chairperson Thomas will follow through on contacting County Attorney.

Chairperson Thomas reported that National Registry nomination application is being worked on by Archaeologist Janee Becker from Bear Creek Archeology for the Osborne Creamery. She hopes to submit the application either this Fall or Spring of 2021.

UMGC Grant for Motor Mill: No update recently from Jenna Pollack, CCC Director. The grant monies if awarded would be used for the stable renovation at Motor Mill.

Keystone Bridge renovation: Commissioner Milt Johnson reported that he has made contact with Brennan Doyle from the State DOT. No updates at this point on the project. He did say recent info from the state reflect that in 1941 the bridge had 6,000 crossings by vehicles and in 2017 there were 5500 per day. In 1941 the state HWY did go thru the town of Elkader. Milt will report more specifically next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion related to CCHPC donating \$50 for membership in Preservation Iowa. Approved in a unanimous motion by John Nikolai and seconded by Ellen Collins. Thomas will submit info to CC Auditor for payment.

Motor Mill Excavation:

John Nikolai reported that excavation at Motor Mill site has uncovered 4 wooden turbines buried in the silt in the basement. David Beck has found historic information about the purchase of these turbines and a drawing of what they looked like when new. Architect from Gardner-Wagner will be looking for flood abatement techniques that are historically correct procedures to maintain the integrity of the building. Nikolai and Thomas announced that the original scale from Motor Mill has been returned to MM for display. CLG grant to be discussed after evaluation by Gardner-Wagner.

Story of Clayton County Fairs:

Chairperson Thomas commented that this may be something to peruse in the future.

Open Comments by Commissioners:

Chairperson Thomas stated that the Rural Heritage Center has glass negatives that may be donated to the Becker Genealogy Center.

Commissions banner is ready for pick up at Rival in Strawberry Point. Ellen Volunteered to pick it up.

Gary stated that there is good progress being made on the restoration of the Lockmaster's house in Guttenberg.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2020

Motion to adjourn by John Nikolai and seconded by Gary Goyette was unanimously approved.