

CCHPC Minutes for Friday, December 11, 2020

December 11, 2020 meeting for Clayton County Historic Preservation was held at the Masonic Lodge in Elkader, 500 Strawberry Point Road.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Roger Thomas. Those present were Roger Thomas, Ellen Collins, Milt Johnson, Lee Lenth, and John Nikolai.

Motion to approve agenda was made by John Nikolai and seconded by Milt Johnson. Motion was approved unanimously

Motion to approve minutes of September 2020 meeting was made by Milt Johnson and seconded by John Nikolai. Motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fiscal Report- \$2,000 balance. Osborne Storyboard invoice for \$299.82 has been submitted so should reflect in this month's fiscal report. We have spent only \$50 so far this fiscal year and that was for the membership renewal for Preserve Iowa.

Cardinal-Hickory 345V Transmission Line-per Chairperson Roger Thomas the State Preservation Office has rejected the first environmental site study. They appreciated our concern about this project.

Commission member recruitment update-per Ellen she has contacted Tony Hauber and he may be interested. Ellen will contact him prior to a meeting per his request. Roger suggested that we ask each county museum to have a representative come to our meeting, give a report on their activities and then give a report on our activities to their museum. Lee Lenth does this with CCGenealogySociety.

Keystone Bridge Rehabilitation Project-Per our member Milt Johnson, Brennan Dolan stated that the final plans for the bridge have been received by Iowa D.O.T. The letting of the contract will happen in March of 2021. Chairperson Roger Thomas questioned whether there were old street lamps on both ends of the bridge at one time. Milt will ask about this. Roger also stated that this project WILL ADDRESS the significant limestone deterioration.

NEW BUSINESS

Iowa Historical Preservation Gala-This will be a virtual gala this year due to Covid-19. Roger and his wife have purchased tickets and will be attending tonight.

Elkader's 175th Anniversary-Ellen talked about the meeting that was held and various ideas presented. Suggestion made that we do something related to the 9 National Registry Houses in Elkader, possibly pictures and facts about these houses, that CCHPC also have historic info on the courthouse, and our Stone Structure inventory. Roger suggested we contact Ashley Altoff at the City of Elkader to see if she can locate a DVD Roger made of a historic event approximately 30 years ago where people in period costumes were at various sites around the town and told stories about the place or people that made it significant. The DVD is called "Echos of the Past".

Iowa State Fair- Consensus was that we try to secure a shared booth again.

Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant thru State Historic Preservation Office for Motor Mill Inn Restoration: Jenna Pollack has requested that CCC partner with CCHPC to write a grant for the purpose of securing grant monies for help to restore the MM Inn. Inn has significant deterioration but is worth preserving. The grant that CCC wants to submit needs a partnership with a Certified Local Government group such as CCHPC. CCC Director Jenna Pollack, will write the grant.

Lee Lenth report from CCGS-Lee stated that due to Covid-19 the CCGS office has been closed on their regular open for business day-Thursdays. Tom McGreal has also stepped down as President.

Open Discussion-Discussion by commission related to Rock Crest Barn owned by Alan Johnson. This barn has significant history related to the dairy industry and concern by our commission has been for the barn since it is in need of a roof. Commissioner John Nikolai proposed we contact Alan and invite him to our next meeting. Commission agreed and John will contact him. Chairperson Roger Thomas is working on getting the barn listed on the Endangered Building List with the State of Iowa.

Roger Thomas also mentioned to commission the website Iowa Gen Web. Com that has a lot of info on it that can be used by our group. He found a lot of info related to the creameries in Iowa and NE Iowa.

Next meeting will be 1-8-2021 at Elkader Masonic Lodge at 9:00 AM

Motion to adjourn by John Nikolai and seconded by Lee Lenth. Motion was passed unanimously.