

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission Meeting October 08, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Elkader public library.

Attending were all five commission members plus friend of the commission, Frank Phippen.

Agenda Approval

The first order of business was approving the agenda for the meeting. A motion was made by Bruce Collins to approve the agenda. Lee Lenth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes—Prior Month's Meeting

Minutes of the prior meeting were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Chairperson Lee Embretson wanted the meeting to move quickly and be brief so he asked if everyone had read the minutes? They had. With that being the case, Ellen Collins made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Lee Lenth seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Collins noted that a disbursement request was sent to the Auditor's Office on Oct 07 for a payment to thINK of \$175.00 for making the Garretson Cemetery sign, which would leave a balance after that payment of \$1,825.00 in the account with the county.

In the commission's account at Freedom Bank, on Oct 07th a check from Paul Hofer of Ontario, CA for \$250.00 was deposited for work Frank Phippen did on the gravestone in the National/Farmersburg Cemetery of Sophia Phillips Ballou, the great, great grandmother of Paul Hofer. (This is a non-pioneer cemetery, but Frank asked that this gratuity for his work be given to our commission. Thank you Frank.)

With the above noted deposit at Freedom Bank our balance there is \$1,750.00.

Eastman Cemetery

The discussion turned to the Eastman Cemetery, which is near McGregor. Lee Lenth recently visited the cemetery and the entrance gate damaged in the tornado two or three years ago was discussed. Since the gate is made from wrought iron, special skills and equipment will be needed to fix it. Kann Mfg was suggested as a company that would be able to do this.

When Lee Lenth visited the cemetery he saw that brush was piled along the fence on the field side, which is of concern to that landowner. Lee Embretson to follow up on this.

Garretson Cemetery

Bruce Collins reported that the sign for this cemetery has been manufactured and is ready for pickup at thINK.

Lee Embretson will get the panels, which will be used to protect the sign when it is installed. Installation will take place after the harvest. Ellen Collins will follow up with Kim Klocke, the

landowner of the surrounding property, to give him a heads up that this installation will be taking place.

King Cemetery

Ellen Collins reported that she had a conversation with Burt Coulter, the landowner of the property on which the King Cemetery was/is located and he wants a space used on his property to commemorate this burial place. Ellen also did extensive research and has information related to where this cemetery is located and those buried there.

Burt Coulter, the landowner, has advised his farm management company, Hertz Farm Management, to work with our commission on this and to give us a call when the harvest is completed for an on site visit.

A motion was made by Lee Lenth and seconded by Myra Voss for Bruce Collins to work on the wording for a sign for the King Cemetery. The motion passed unanimously.

Sign Painting

Lee Embretson will contact Reid Koehn about painting seven old metal signs in certain pioneer cemeteries. The commission is most appreciative to Kahn for taking on this work and will reimburse him for his expenses.

Gravestone Cleaning

Ellen Collins reported that the recommended product to clean gravestones is called D-2. A motion was made by Lee Lenth and

seconded by Bruce Collins for Ellen Collins to follow up on ordering two gallons of this product at a cost of \$52.34 per gallon plus \$20.00 for shipping. The motion passed unanimously.

Other

Frank Phippen said he was contacted by Harley Andregg to visit the Graham Cemetery, but this cemetery is not easily accessible. Possibly a visit can be made in the spring.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 12th. Ellen Collins will make arrangements related to the time and location.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Bruce Collins, seconded by Myra Voss to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Collins
Secretary