

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission  
Meeting November 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Clayton County Genealogy Office in Elkader.

Attending were Chairperson Lee Embretson, Ellen Collins, Bruce Collins, Myra Voss and friend of the commission, David Beck.

### **Agenda Approval**

The first order of business was approving the agenda for the meeting. A motion was made by Myra Voss to approve the agenda, Ellen Collins seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Minutes—Prior Month's Meeting**

Minutes of the prior meeting were emailed to all members before this meeting and were verbally summarized at this meeting by Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Collins. With the correction for a spelling error on one name, a motion was made by Myra Voss to accept the minutes as written, Ellen Collins seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Secretary/Treasurer Bruce Collins reported the bank balance at Freedom Bank was \$1,750.00 and the balance available for disbursement from Clayton County was \$1,825.00, making the total available \$3,575.00.

### **Old Business**

Related to the Garretson Cemetery, see the minutes from the October meeting for the status related to the work to be done there. At this time the status remains the same—the work has been completed related to the plans for the site and the sign to be placed there, but it was decided at this meeting to wait until next spring for the installation.

Next, Ellen Collins spoke about the work she has done related to the King Cemetery. She has spoken with the current owner, Burt Coulter and learned that he is very cooperative and in fact wants some type of memorial to those buried there. Burt Coulter has spoken to Hertz Farm Management who is managing this property for him about working with our commission. Ellen said she would contact Hertz Management about setting up a date to meet with their agent and our commission members at King Cemetery to view the site and discuss our commission's future endeavors there.

Also, related to the King Cemetery, Bruce Collins prepared a brief history from information Lee Embretson had that was prepared by the late Lawrence Fox, tracing the ownership of the cemetery property from the original owners, Elihu and Elouisa Barnum to the present owner's ancestor, Louise Becker, and presented a proposal for a sign to place on the cemetery property with that information.

It was suggested that this cemetery be known or named the Barnum-King Cemetery since the Barnums owned this property when burials, including Barnums, were buried there.

Related to painting the seven Pioneer Cemetery signs—Old Stone, Blanchaine, Hamlet, Krumm, McClelland, Borcharding and Fry--- the consensus was it is too late in the year for the weather conditions

to permit this work this year. Reid Koehn has been contacted and feels he can do the work in early spring. Ellen Collins has delivered the primer and paint to him along with the list of the cemeteries and directions as to where they are located.

Bruce Collins submitted a bill for mileage for traveling to the above cemeteries with Ellen Collins to prepare travel instructions for the painter, Reid Koehn, to get to each of the cemetery locations. Total mileage—135 miles reimbursed at 57cents per mile totaling \$76.95. Myra Voss made a motion to pay this bill, Lee Embretson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Related to the Graham Cemetery, Frank Phippen was not at the meeting to update the commission on his work with this cemetery.

Ellen Collins noted that she got a listing of the trustees for all the townships in Clayton County and she was going to contact them (the trustees) related to information they may have about Pioneer Cemeteries in their respective townships. She also noted that she has had a discussion with Dale Krieg, a trustee in Elk Township, who is very much interested in the Hamlet Cemetery in his township.

A work day was scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> at the McClelland Cemetery starting at 10:00 a.m. ( This work day was later rescheduled to November 22<sup>nd</sup> because of cold weather conditions on the 16<sup>th</sup>.)

The next meeting of the commission was scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bruce and Ellen Collins. The meeting is to be primarily a social with spouses invited.

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:30 by Bruce Collins, Myra Voss seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Collins  
Secretary/Treasurer  
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