

CLAYTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2023

The May 11, 2023 meeting of members of the Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission (CCHPC) was held at the Cathie and Brad Krausmann property on Basswood Road, Volga, Iowa between 9:10 and 10:00 am. The Krausmann's purchased the property in 2021, which includes a 14-sided barn and a two-story concrete brick square house with Italianate decorative elements. Attending were Chair Roger Thomas, Secretary Chris Schoen, Ellen Collins, and Rita Dudley. Deputy Chair Brandie Backes, Kathy Koether, and Lee Lenth were not present. Guest Dave Dudley also was present.

The improvements made to the barn were examined and proposed repairs discussed. Last summer, the barn roof was covered with metal, a cupola was constructed and gutters were hung. In addition, trees, shrubs, weeds and other vegetation was removed to clear the area around the barn and house. This spring clearing was done at a concrete pad that probably was a foundation for a chicken coop or shed. New wooden lintels are being installed in the doorways at the south and east sides of the barn. New support posts were set in the northeast area of the barn foundation. The Iowa Barn Foundation has approved \$20,000 towards stabilization and repair of the barn.

The Krausmanns plan to have the concrete block foundation on the north side of the of the barn repaired. Hay that remains in the first floor and basement will be removed. Furniture and materials left in the house by previous tenants will be removed.

The next scheduled meeting will be June 9, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Clayton County Development Office in Elkader, Iowa.

Respectfully submitted May 19, 2023
Chris Schoen, Secretary