

Minutes of Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission  
January 14, 2022

Approve Agenda:

Motion by John Nikolai seconded by Chris Schoen unanimously approved.

Unanimous approval of minutes from November 2021 CCHPC meeting in a motion by John N. and seconded by Chris S.

Those in attendance: Brandi Backes, Ellen Collins, Kathy Koether, John Nikolai, Chris Schoen, and Roger Thomas. New member Kathy Koether welcomed.

Old Business

Rock Crest Barn-John N.

Site Inventory Report just received today from State of Iowa Consulting Historian Rebecca Conard regarding the Alan Johnson Rock Crest barn. John N. will review info and report at the next meeting. Amount due \$ 166. 48.

Museum Trail Program-Roger T.

Commission has approved project to develop a roll up banner and museum trail for display around the county. Rack cards will also be developed advertising all museums within Clayton County. CCHPC will pay for the roll up banner and rack cards. It was decided to call this the Clayton County Museum Trail. Pictures of each museum will be used on the cards and banner with their location and other information. Q.R. code will also be on the banner so that those interested will have a link to the Clayton County Development Group website where there will be more specific information about the museums.

Founders Signage throughout the county:

Each community in the county will be encouraged by CCHPC to apply for the state of Iowa grant to publicize the founders of their community.

Keystone Bridge liaison for the CCHPC will now be John Nikolai.

Budget Balance- \$1127.95.

Roger T. has sent a letter of support to the state of Iowa related to Elkport Church proceeding on getting National Registry designation for the church.

Cardinal Hickory Line: Roger T. states our commission will continue to object to procedures as listed in most recent information.

Mederville signage along HWY 13 related to historic bridge in Mederville. Commission has asked several times County to add signs along state HWY 13 directing people to view historic bridge. The last time we asked related to status Supervisor Ray Peterson was to check with the County Engineer about status. Roger T. states he will ask about this when he presents the CLG annual report.

Kathy Koether reported that the Giard Church has contacted the state to get information related to forms and process to begin the National Registry designation.

New Business:

CLG annual report is almost complete and Roger T. will review with CC Supervisors.

2022 Work Plan: Items reviewed with Commission members.

Annie Palas new owner of Stone Wall Farm may be interested in CCHPC support for potential national registry designation. Roger T. will contact Paula Mohr for possibly doing the site visit.

Election of officers

Ellen C. moved and Kathy K. seconded that we elect Chris Schoen for Secretary, Brandi Backes for Vice Chairperson and Roger Thomas as Chairperson. Motion was unanimously approved.

Chris Schoen reported that Guttenberg is putting in new water and sewer lines and there will be an archaeological survey completed. Chris S. will help them in this process.

John N. suggested contacting local schools to ask students to attend a CCHPC meeting to familiarized them with our group and hopefully instill an interest in local history. John N. will contact Central School in Elkader and Kathy K. will contact MFL MarMac.

Roger T. advised Commission that there is a Turkey River Mounds State Preserve south of Guttenberg. It consists of 62 acres near Earthum Road. Chris S. stated that it is not easily accessed. Commissioner Brandi B. stated that she has hiked area and reported that it is identified with signage. She stated that it is a rough hike.

Next meeting will be Friday, February 11, 2022 at CCDG offices in Elkader.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Koether and seconded by Chris Schoen was unanimously approved.