

CCHPC Minutes for Friday, May 14, 2021

Agenda approved in a unanimous motion by Lee L. Seconded by Chris Schoen.

Minutes for April 2021 meeting approved in a unanimous motion by John Nikolai and seconded by Chris Schoen.

Those in attendance were Ellen Collins, Roger Thomas, John Nikolai, Lee Lenth, Chris Schoen and new member via zoom Brandie Backes. Commissioners introduced themselves to Brandie.

Financial report: \$1,440.78-balance. Per Roger T. the receipt has been turned in to Auditor's Office to pay THINK Custom for banner in amount of \$101.08.

No guests were in attendance.

Old Business:

Pictures for KIOSK at courthouse. John N. has sent many pictures to Auditor of before work that was done on clock tower. This will be placed on a TV to show public what was done by CCHPC to restore tower.

Elkader's 175th celebration: News article will run 2 times at a cost of \$123.00 per run. CCHPC booth will be manned from 9:30AM-3:00PM. Set up time is 9:00AM. John is to pick up and bring the pull up banner. Lee will bring 5 easels, 2 smaller tables-4 foot. Ellen will bring duck tape and clamps. Roger is to provide name tags for the group. Lee will also bring the framed banner. Ellen will bring 4 posters and the framed flour bag to display. Lee showed all members the frame he has built for displaying our new banner on June 19, 2021 at the 175th celebration for Elkader.

Hickory-Cardinal Transmission Line report: Roger stated he received a phone call from a man questioning recent work by the Dairyland Power Company. Roger had reported previously that work had been stopped for now. This man told Roger that the company is filling sinkholes with load after load of crushed rock and downed trees. Commissioner Brandie Backus reported that she has seen the area and it is a mess-things all over the place. At the time of the last conference call with the company things were put on hold and company promised to do a re-routing. Re-routing was done on level grounds and not on top of the hills as was understood. Roger will determine what is happening now. This commission had expressed concern at a conference call about the hilltops and issued a concern that trees not be taken down and requested smaller electrical poles be used. CCHPC's purpose

was to protect the natural beauty of the area by not cutting down trees. Roger will follow up on this. Roger asked Brandie to take a picture of the downed trees and send it to him.

State Fair Update:

Fayette County is organizing the booth at the State Fair. Roger ordered entry tickets and parking tickets for 5 people. Ellen moved and Lee seconded that Roger be reimbursed for the cost of tickets. Motion passed unanimously> State Fair date is August 18, 2021.

Preservation Summit:

Summit will be June 3-5, and will be via Zoom. Registration is \$25.00 per person and will be via zoom. Commissioners encouraged to participate.

Rock Crest Barn update: Roger T. and John N., with permission of Alan Johnson the owner, toured the outside and inside of this historic barn. Roger T. took numerous pictures which he shared with the CCHPC. He explained the intended uses of the barn which was innovative for caring for cattle at the time period it was built. Pictures will be shared with Dept. of Cultural Affairs Kristen Vandermolen so the next step can be pursued in hopefully getting some help in saving this important building.

John N. suggested that Commission's next project be documenting the county's barns and trying to get the individual farmers involved in the process of maintaining their barns. He suggested we give them the barn letter Roger T. has written along with the Iowa Barn Foundation form to document their farms. John N. also suggested using the same process as we did with the Stone Structure Survey-dividing the county among st our Commission by e.g. 2 townships per person. Roger will send out the barn form and his letter again to Commission members. Ellen suggested as with the stone structures that we ask for community volunteers if needed.

Commission members agreed this project is one to pursue.

New Business:

Next meeting : Discussion about changing time and day meeting since we now have a member who is working. She stated that she works at home on Fridays so that day would be fine with her and the time 9:00 AM is OK. So next meeting will be Friday, June 11, 2021 at CCDG office at 9:00 AM. Meeting again will be zoom for

benefit of our new member. New member Brandie Backes encouraged to go to CCDG office for a Commission 3 ring binder.

Preservation Month Media idea: Proclamation issued by Supervisors announcing that May is National Preservation Month. Article will be submitted to newspaper for publication along with a picture. Roger will follow up on this.

Ellen reported that she has contacted CC Conservation to ask about status of the McDermott-Byrnes Creamery Storyboard this commission donated to the CCC for display. Per Ellen they have not finished framing and displaying the storyboard yet. They will call Ellen when task is completed

Motion to adjourn by Brandie B. and seconded by John N. was unanimously approved.

Ellen Collins, Secretary-Co Chair