

Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes for Friday, June 12, 2020

Agenda unanimously approved in a motion by Lee Lenth and seconded by John Nikolai.

Minutes of March 13, 2020 were unanimously approved in a motion by Milt Johnson and seconded by Lee Lenth.

Those in attendance: Ellen Collins, Milt Johnson, Lee Lenth, John Nikolai, and Roger Thomas. Absent: Gary Goyette and Betty Buchholz.

Old Business:

MacGregor 6th Street Bridge replacement: Per Chairperson Roger Thomas City Manager states the MacGregor HPC is working on 5 signs to be placed around the town explaining about the storm water drainage culvert repair.

Mederville Bridge Signage and Canoe Landing: Per Roger T. Iowa D.O.T. responded saying Rafe Koopman needs to approve county signage first and have County directional signs placed on Emblem Road. At that point, Commission can contact Iowa D.O.T. and they will place signs on HWY 13 directing people to Mederville and the historic bridge. County Supervisor Ray Peterson will contact County Roads Engineer Rafe Koopman to be sure process is started.

Johnson Barn: No report since Gary G. was absent. Concern was issued though from several commissioners about the status of the barn roof.

Beehive Creamery National Registry nomination was completed by research team at State D.O.T.

Storyboard for Osborne: Ellen is progressing slowly. Osborne train came through the town beginning in 1871. Ellen is trying to secure pictures to use.

Pull up banner thru CCDG office for Commission's use at functions, state fair etc. Motion by Milt Johnson and seconded by John Nikolai to use the

same pictures as on the flyer developed for the State Fair last year of Clayton County Stone Structures and the Courthouse Clock Tower. Motion was unanimously passed.

New Business:

Preservation Iowa Summit:

Roger T. and Ellen C. attended the virtual summit. Roger reminded that we can submit cost of registration to Auditor's office to be reimbursed.

Resignation of Betty Buchholz:

Betty has decided to resign from the commission after many years. She states she has Alzheimer's and does not feel she will be able to contribute anything. She was commended by Commission for her service. Lee Lenth got a thank you card and a beautiful pen to give her as a gift. She will be missed.

Lee Lenth also got a Thank you card and beautiful pen for ex-chair Ellen C. for her years of service to the Commission. It was a very nice gesture and is appreciated.

New Commissioners: All were encouraged to seek out new members. Lee will contact Diane Briestspecher, Ellen will contact Anita Szemkus, and Roger will see if Main Street Elkader will send a representative.

UMGC Grant application for repair of the stable at Motor Mill: Jenna Pollack, CCC administrator contacted CCHPC to see if she could write a UMGc grant for CCHPC to see if funds could be obtained for use at Motor Mill. Question by commissioner if this is appropriate. Chairperson Roger T. stated that since this is all county funds and we are a historic commission thru the county thus the request is viable. Per Roger, the Supervisors will be made aware of this through the application process. Motion by John Nikolai and seconded by Milt Johnson to approve this grant application process.

ITC Midwest Hickory Creek Transmission line discussion. This line will run thru Dubuque and Clayton Counties. Commission has been asked to provide info on any historic sites in the area as well as cemeteries. Call placed to

Amber Javer, Archeologist for the project. Ellen C. is working on researching the location of a possible old cemetery in the area and John N. is working on possible Indian mounds in the area. Amber did say she felt Indian Mounds have most likely be destroyed. Suggestion to John Nikolai to contact Brennan Dolan, Archaeologist for Iowa D.O.T. to determine if he is aware of any mounds in that area.

Keystone Bridge Consultant request. Commission has been asked to be a consultant on the Keyston Bridge repair. Whenever federal funds are involved there must be a citizen consultant. Motion made by John Nikolai that Milt Johnson be the consultant-lead person on this project. Motion seonded by Lee Lenth. Motion passed unanimously. Milt will contact the State D.O.T. in writing that he will be the contact for our commission.

Next meeting will be Friday, July 10, 2020 at the CCDG office at 9:00 AM

Motion to adjourn by Roger T. and seconded by Ellen C. Motion passed unanimously.