

August 13, 2021 meeting minutes for Clayton Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission held at the beautiful Guttenberg City Riverside Park.

Meeting attendance: Brandi Backes, Ellen Collins, Lee Lenth, John Nikolai, Chris Schoen and Roger Thomas.

Agenda was approved in a unanimous motion by Ellen and seconded by John N.

CCHPC July 9, 2021 minutes were approved in a unanimous motion by John N. and seconded by Chris S. They will be forwarded to Auditor's office for posting on the county website.

Budget Report: Per Auditor's office balance in CCHPC account is \$1,927.00.

Old Business:

Iowa State Fair: Chris S., Ellen C., and Roger T. and possibly Lee L. will be going to work on Wednesday,

August 18. Discussion ensued as to what displays and brochures to bring. Booth # is 108 and we are to meet at the booth at 8:30 AM and close at 9:00 PM. Roger dispensed gate tickets and parking tickets to all.

Cardinal-Hickory Transmission Line Update: Roger reported that the latest letter to the Iowa Utility Board was 7 pages basically saying that the project will happen even though we object to certain things-procedures. Per Roger Ellen's pictures and visit to the area caused some stir but will probably NOT make a difference. Section 106 does have to be done on all projects condemned or not if Federal \$'s are used. Roger suggested to use a drone to film the area. Brandi will check on someone to do drone filming.

Rock Crest Barn Consultant will be here soon to view the property located between Elkader and Gunder. This is through the Iowa Historic Society. The consultant will provide 24 work hours of professional services to determine if the site is eligible for state and National tax credits. This program is the former TAN program and currently known as Field Services Program. Discussion ensued related to cost of this being approx. \$1,270 and that CCHPC cannot pay for all of it-possibly a portion so John N. will contact owner Alan Johnson to ask him to pay for all or a portion of it. It will be suggested to owner to pay for all of the upfront cost and Commission can reimburse him for a portion of the cost at a later date.

New Member: Roger has sent Jennifer Garms, Auditor contact information on prospective new member from Monona. She will submit this to the Supervisor's for approval.

Guttenberg St. Mary's Convent building report:

Chris S. reported that St. Mary's Alumni has filed for a 501C3 designation to see what can be done about the building.

Ellen C. had been asked at the last meeting to inquire about the status of the murals in the courthouse done by the former Pat Matt, a long time lover of history and resident of Clayton County. She did various murals of the county on the walls of the courtroom. Ellen spoke with county maintenance person Myron Phelps who said he feels decision has been made to replace them. Ellen suggested that they be framed with recognition as to the artist that did them. Ellen also spoke to Supervisor Sharon Kheener. She said that a decision has not been made yet on what to do in the courtroom but there is an plaster issue on the walls. They are required to update room due to legal needs of attorneys that need to have room to display on the walls the evidence presented in cases by reflecting pictures onto the wall so juries can see them more closely than at present time. New digital requirements will also be installed in updating the courtroom.

New Business:

State Historical Markers Grant Program:

Founder's of county towns Grave Markers. This project suggested by Elkader's City Manager, Jennifer Cowser for Elkader's founders gravesites. Roger is suggesting that we take part in the State historical Markers grant program and offer this to the towns in the county to mark their founder grave sites. Signs would be 24 X 36, 28 lines. Motion to proceed with this project by Brandi B. and seconded by Ellen C passed unanimously.

Ellen reported that Myron P. County Maintenance person pointed out the new wall case to display history of the courthouse.

Pop-Up Display banners from the State of Iowa. Free banners issued by request. Roger has requested them and we can post around the county.

Opportunity for training:

Benton County Preservation Camp. For those interested Roger will forward the info to register.

Thank you to Chris S. for bringing coffee and rolls to the meeting.

Next meeting will be Friday, September 10, 2021 at the CCDG office.

Motion to adjourn by Lee L. and seconded by Brandi B. was passed unanimously.

