

Meeting minutes for Saturday, June 18, 2022, Clayton County, Iowa Pioneer Cemetery Meeting held at Garretson Pioneer Cemetery approximately 32519 Acre Road and later at Collins' home.

Those in attendance were Bruce Collins, Ellen Collins, Lee Lenth ( at Collins' home) and friend of the Commission Frank Phippen. Quorum was met.

Agenda unanimously approved in motion by Lee L. and seconded by Bruce C.

Meeting minutes from May, 14, 2022 were read and unanimously approved in a motion by Lee L. and seconded by Ellen C.

### **Old Business:**

Voss records update-Myra V. not in attendance so no report.

There was a \$1,000 donation to Pioneer Cemetery Commission (P.C.C.) from Craig and Lee Ann Watson thru the Dubuque Foundation for the Future organization. Bruce C. received the check and it has been deposited in the P.C.C. bank account. There are no restrictions as to usage of the money stated in the letter received with the check from Dubuque F.F. Bruce also reported that the account is at Freedom Bank in Elkader, Iowa and the signers on the account are Bruce Collins, Lee Embretson and Myra Voss.

County Budget balance for the P.C.C is \$683.72.

Redman Cemetery report: On June 15th Bruce T. and Frank P. reinstalled a damaged stone that Frank P. restored. Bruce complimented Frank on the work he did on this stone and others that he has repaired for the P.C.C. Over the last few years the P.C.C. has fenced a small portion of what was the cemetery and reinstalled 3 stones and a partial stone found in the adjacent farm field

### **New Business:**

Myra Voss not in attendance to submit expenditure vouchers.

**Garretson Cemetery working visit:** Bruce and Ellen C. and friend of commission Frank P. met at the cemetery site with adjacent landowner Kim Klocke. We met Klocke at the home of his son at 33035 Acre Road which is somewhat close to the cemetery. We entered a farm field gate from Acre Road

between 33035 Acre Rd. and 32699 Acre Road. Kim Klocke led us to the cemetery site going thru several fields between ½ mile and ¾ of a mile off Acre road. The cemetery is atop a hill with several old oak trees. A number of trees have fallen per Klocke over the years and some appeared dead now. The cemetery used to be fenced but fencing was removed in approximately 1993-1994. Trees had fallen onto the fence line. Kim also said the cemetery is on the Fayette/Clayton county lines. Per Kim, there used to be a Fayette County Road nearby and he feels the entrance to the cemetery was off this old Fayette County Avenue A road. There is a fence along a field on one side away from the cemetery and that is the county line. Commission members found one broken tombstone leaning against a tree stump. Frank P. agreed to repair the stone so the stone was removed for repair and will be reinstalled at a later date. The name on the tombstone is Moses Hewitt. On the IA Gen Website, Hewitt is named as being buried there and also on the website there is a picture of the Hewitt gravestone.

Commission members discussed that they would like to repair the stone, reinstall it, and place a sign on the site. Further discussion will take place at a later meeting. Commissioners present strongly felt this is a worthwhile project and needs to be pursued and the cemetery marked as a P.C. so that future landowners will respect the fact that there are approximately 24 burials on this site. Adjacent landowner, Kim Klocke was very cooperative and helpful. He was advised that the cemetery has a deed from a previous landowner deeding it for use as a cemetery from a Joham F. Hopp in 1870. It is listed as Hopp-Garretson Cemetery. Information on this deed was found at the Clayton County Genie Society in Elkader.

When we left the trail to the cemetery we turned left onto Acre Road heading east toward Volga City.

**In another discussion:** Frank P., Bruce C. and Lee L. have agreed to help paint the cemetery signs needing to be painted. Times and dates will be set up later between these three painters to met their personal schedules.

Bruce showed the sign made for Patterson Cemetery. He and Lee E. will install this.

Lee L. stated he has an interested person for the Commission. He will follow up with the lady.

Next meeting will be Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 9:00 AM at Johnson's Restaurant in Elkader.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce C. and seconded by Lee L. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ellen C. Recorder