



## **LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

935 Second Street SW ▪ Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404 ▪ 319-892-5141

**Minutes**  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

### **Members Present**

Michael LeClere – Vice Chair  
Todd McNall  
Steve Ciha  
Maura Pilcher – Chair  
Barb Westercamp  
Patricia Soukup  
Richard Thomas  
Amanda Happel

### **Absent**

### **Guests Present**

Rex Martin

### **Staff Present**

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison  
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements/Communication**

Tertinger informed the Commission that the Jean Oxley Public Service Center is currently closed. Also, entries are being accepted for the Most Endangered List. LeClere wants the Coggon Schools to apply.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Westercamp motioned, Happel second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from October 21st, 2020 meeting with amendment to second page as submitted.



## **Budget**

Remaining account balance is \$4,525. Tertinger put in a request for the fall amendment funds of \$19,400.

## **New Business**

None

## **FY21 Work Plan**

- a. **Rural Preservation Initiative.** With regard to getting Indian Creek/Sugar Grove in the National Register, the derecho has done significant damage to the two barns and three silos on Sugar Grove, and an engineering consultant has recommended that all five structures be demolished. Jean Wiedenheft will check with Leah Rogers re: the impact this will have on the application for the National Historic Register.
- b. **Lincoln Highway Kiosk Project.** Discussion on the reparation vs replacement of the kiosks. We have information with regard to what was damaged and what needs to be fixed in all the kiosks. Ciha told the Commission that he dismantled the Haskell panel, and stabilized the Mt Vernon and Highway Patrol Kiosks. The Commission agreed that replacing the kiosks would be the best idea.

There are 4 tasks the subcommittee (Ciha, Thomas, McNall) will undertake. They hope to meet next month, possibly in person.

1. Research the feasibility of repairing versus replacing
2. Create a Workplan, with timeline and budget
3. Create MOU – an agreement detailing who is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the kiosks
4. Look for financial and building support from grants, communities and groups.

The question was raised if the HPC has to give away all the grant money every year, or if some of that could possibly used to help defray the cost of the kiosks. Tertinger stated if the Commission wants to use grant money, he would like to get that proposal in front of the Finance Department as soon as possible.

## **Next Meeting**

December 16th, 2020

**Adjournment** – Motion by LeClere, second by Westercamp, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

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Maura Pilcher, Chair