

Minutes for Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission  
held Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Elkader Masonic Lodge 500 Strawberry  
Point Road, Elkader

Those is attendance: Ellen Collins, Milt Johnson, John Nikolai, Roger Thomas and guest Chris Schoen.

Motion by Ellen and seconded by Milt Johnson that agenda be approved. Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion by Milt Johnson and seconded by John Nikolai to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2020 meeting. Motion was passed unanimously.

Fiscal Report: January balance balance reported as \$1,487.15.

Welcome to guests: Chris Schoen was welcomed and was invited by John Nikolai to become a member. Chris has agreed and received a new member book and application form to complete so CC Supervisors can approve.

Old Business:

Discussion about the historic Rockcrest/Johnson barn in rural Elkader. John Nikolai reported that he has made contact with Alan Johnson, owner of the barn and did invite him to our meeting. John has discussed with Alan that we as a commission are concerned about the barn needing a new roof. John stated that Alan is enthusiastic about having the work done. Roger Thomas will contact the state of Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs to get necessary paper work so that the process of applying for National Registry status can begin. It requires signature by owner to begin. John will present paperwork to Alan when it is received. At that point then Roger will ask the state to designate a Field Services Consultant to contact the owner to assess the barn. Roger Thomas will also contact the Iowa Barn Foundation to see if a small grant would be possible for work on the Rockcrest Barn.

175<sup>th</sup> Founders Day celebration for Elkader: This will be held on Saturday, June 19 in Elkader downtown area. Ellen reported that there have been 2 whole committee meetings and 1 sub committee. Ellen proposed that the CCHPC design and pay for a flyer showing all 9 buildings and houses that are on the National registry. This will be handed out to participants on Founders Day. The flyer would have a color picture with some info about each building or home. Roger stated that City Hall has a newer brochure that Ellen should look at. John moved and Milt seconded that CCHPC pay for and have flyers printed showing all 9 National Registry sites in Elkader. Motion passed unanimously.

Milt Johnson reported on Keystone Bridge Project: He was not made aware of the last meeting but did see an article in the newspaper that they are looking to let bids in March of 2021. He was asked to inquire about whether lamps would be installed as were previously on the bridge.

Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant application is being submitted by Jenna Pollock of CCC for work on the Inn at Motor Mill.

New Business:

Ashley Altoff, Main Street Director has been asked to be a part of CCHPC. Commission has had a representative from Main Street for a number of years but not recently.

Commissioner Appointments:

CCHPC has been asked by Supervisors to complete an application form for all current members and any new members. Forms were passed and completed. Roger will return them to the courthouse. Chris Schoen also completed a form.

Terms of Commissioners are:

Ellen expires December 31, 2022

John expires December 31, 2021

Lee expires December 31, 2023

Milt expires December 31, 2022

Roger expires December 31, 2023

### CLG Yearly Certification:

Roger will work on the annual report. It is due the end of March 2021.

Motor Mill Telegraph Herald interview related to MM stable project grant received from UMGC: Roger spoke with a reporter from the paper last week. He was unsure when it would be printed.

### Committee Liaison Reports:

Lee Lenth-(CCGS) is in Texas for the winter.

John Nikolai-(Motor Mill) Viewing platform in the basement at Motor Mill has been completed. Bids will be let for the stable. Turbines found under the silt in the basement have been removed to Osborne for storage and work. Electrical work is still going on.

Roger Thomas-(Rural Heritage Center) Grant is being written for a WWII room. April 23 and 24 is the Vintage Market.

Open Comments: Milt Johnson is still working on contacting Rafe Koopman CC Engineer about rumble strips at Motor Mill and getting approval for signage along HWY 13 directing traffic to historic bridge in Mederville and county signs along Emblem Road also directing people to Mederville for the bridge.

Roger asked commission members if Masonic Lodge could be reimbursed for cost of having commission meetings in their building since we cannot safely meet at CCDG offices now because of Covid 19. He will figure out the cost and get back to the commission.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 12, 2021.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion by John N. seconded by Milt Johnson was approved unanimously.