

Meeting Minutes for Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission
Friday, March 10, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the
Clayton County Development Group Office
200 E. Bridge St. Elkader, Iowa

Meeting open at 9:00 AM. Those present were Chairperson Ellen Collins, Gary Goyette, John Nikolai, Lee Lenth, Kim Hurley, Betty Buchholz, Myron Phelps, and supervisor Ron McCartney. Missing were Patti Dillon, Emily Yadoff, and Roger Thomas.

- I. Agenda approved in a motion by John Nikolai, 2nd by Kim Hurley, Motion passed unanimously by all present.
- II. Minutes from Feb. 10, 2017, were approved in a motion by John Nikolai, 2nd by Lee Lenth, motion passed unanimously by all present.

III. Old Business:

1. Update on clock tower work, Gary G./Myron Phelps, Rory DeMise came to Elkader, and along with Gregerson Electric, the new winding mechanism was installed. Myron notified Rory later about the winding mechanism which didn't seem to be working correctly. Rory came to Elkader again and removed one of the pulleys and cable, which relieved about 150 lbs. of pressure and the mechanism worked fine. Rory also adjusted the pressure on the bell hammer and adjusted the clock ringer. Rory is also aware that he needs to notify Gary when he is done with the clock faces, so that Milo Ziegler can be notified two weeks ahead of time for the crane to be here to put the dials and balustrades back on the clock tower instead of putting the balustrades in storage. Ziegler is able to come to Elkader until the end of this month. After that, Ziegler is uncertain as to when he could be here. Wadsworth is aware that the balustrades are going to be put back on the clock tower. Some underground tile will be placed behind the military monument to improve the drainage from the downspouts. The military monument will not be affected by this new tile drainage system.
2. Guttenberg Donation: There has been no notice of the donation from Guttenberg, Ellen will look into the matter.
3. CLG end of the year report: CLG end of the year report was given to the supervisors and mailed to the state. John Nikolai reported that Paula Moore sent 3 copies of a list of all the CLGs in Clayton County, they are Guttenberg, McGregor and Elkader. John sent a message to Guttenberg and McGregor telling them that the CCHPC will be available to help them with any project as to putting a site on the National Historical List. Gary suggested that before doing that someone should contact Barry Bennet of the Iowa Historical Society as to whether a form has been filed which then makes them eligible for the National Historical List. Kim Hurley has agreed to be the contact person to contact other CLG's to inform them of what we are doing and to get input as to what they are doing.
4. Work Plan: Roger Thomas not present to discuss items he volunteered to do. Lee Lenth will contact Bailey Circus. Kim Hurley has agreed to be the contact person to contact other CLG's to let them know what we in Elkader are doing and to get input on what they are doing.
5. Due to Patti Dillon being absent, there was no discussion on the Iowa History 101 RV. She will give a report in April.
6. A letter about the progress of the clock tower restoration has been written and will be sent to several banks asking for a donation for the clock tower project.
7. Gary has his additions almost complete for the S.S.I. website,

New Business:

1. Supervisor, Ron McCartney, reported that the CCHPC should plan a meeting with the RC&D in Postville, and have a lengthy and through discussion with Lora Friest about grants, how to write them, and how the RC&D can help trying to get grant. The April meeting of the CCHPC is being planned to be at the RC&D office in Postville.
2. Clayton County museums contact list: Betty Buchholz is making up a list of all county museums and how to contact them either by phone or email.
3. Work Plans have been sent to each Commission members who are working on their particular task. Hopefully each plan will be done by the April meeting.
4. The next state summit meeting will be at Fort Dodge on June 8, 2017.

- V. Next meeting: Friday, April 14, 2017, at the RC&D office in Postville, at 9:00 AM. Further details will be emailed before the meeting.

IV. Adjournment:

Motion by Lee Lenth, 2nd by Gary Goyette, Motion approve unanimously by all those present.

Minutes submitted by Betty Buchholz, secretary

