

Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2018

Thea Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission met on October 12, 2018 at the Clayton County Development office at 9:00 am.

The following members were present: Gary Goyette, Betty Buchholz, Ellen Collins, Roger Thomas and Lee Lenth. Also attending was Myron Phelps.

The Agenda was approved by motion from Thomas and seconded by Lenth, motion carried.

The minutes from the for September 14, 2018 were reviewed and a motion by Goyette to approve the minutes as printed, motion seconded by Buchholz, motion carried.

Myron Phelps gave an update on the restoration of the courthouse clock tower. He provided pictures of the repairs being done on the tower. He indicated that they are installing more louvers on the bell tower in order prevent rain from entering the structure avoiding water damage.

A picture of the metal weather vane revealed an original design. The commission felt that the original weather vein should be restored and installed knowing that it may not function properly. Thomas said that he would contact Adam Pollock and ask him to restore the vane and powder coat it black.

Myron indicated that there are cracks on the clock faces and he will be asking the company that did the clock face restoration to inspect the clock faces especially now that the crane is here. He also indicated that he will have the company inspect the clock mechanical works while here.

The roundels from the tower were given to Goyette for him to strip the many coats of paint and restore.

A discussion about the Harbor Road stone arch bridge repair done by the county was held. It was felt that the lack of repair and stabilizing of the stone approach needs to be addressed. The commission decided they will meet with the newly elected Supervisors in February to discuss options to restore the bridge.

Goyette motioned that the commission meet with he supervisors in February. The motion was seconded by Lenth and motion carried.

Goyette shared that he was approved to do the TAN report on the Alan Johnson barn.

Collins shared that the Volga City Law Office received official notification to be listed on the National Historic Registry.

Collins asked the commission to consider purchasing a plaque for the Volga property. After a discussion, a motion by Goyette was for the commission to partially fund two bronze plaques and the installation of the plaques per year. The commission will only pay up to \$200.00 for each plaque and installation. The commission member/s will represent the plaque requester and it will be expected that proper property

historic narrative be printed on the plaque before approval. The motion was seconded by Lenth and the motion carried unanimously.

A discussion about recruiting new commission members so that each of the communities in the county were represented. Thomas indicated he will ask Milt Johnson from Monona if he would be willing to serve. Milt is the former Clayton County Engineer.

Thomas shared information about the Iowa Barn Foundation tour and that the Hardt Barn tour held on September 22 and 23 had 23 visitors. Thomas also shared that he will be viewing two more barn requests from local property owners.

The next meeting will be November 9, 2018 at the Clayton County Development Office starting at 9:00 am.

Buchholz moved that we adjourn, seconded by Goyette, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Thomas