

## CCHPC Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Roger Thomas at 9:00 AM.

Those present were Brandi Backes via phone, Ellen Collins, Kathy Koether, Lee Lenth, John Nikolai and Roger Thomas.

Agenda was approved unanimously in a motion by Kathy K. and seconded by Lee L.

Minutes from last meeting Feb. 11, 2022 were unanimously approved in a motion by Ellen C. and seconded by John N.

Fiscal report: \$1,126.05. Museum Trail banner and rack cards have not yet been taken out of this amount.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Clayton County Museum Trail banner and rack cards:** banner turned out well and cards distributed to take to museums.

**Rock Crest Barn Update** and HRDP grant. Grants are for non-profits. Barn is owned privately so John N. has asked the state to complete a National Registry application for the barn so that an HRDP grant can be applied for. John has asked state -Rebecca Conard to do this. Per John N. state has sent our Commission a letter that states our C.L.G. is in good standing for use in some grant applications.

**Cardinal Hickory Project:** Per Commissioner Brandi B. who lives near Millville, work is not going on. One hillside in the project area has been sprayed with possibly grass seed and something to prevent erosion. Expansion has been noticed by Chairperson Roger T. at the nearby electrical station.

**Mississippi River dredging:** Dredging will occur around Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Archaeological studies have been done at Cassville, Wisconsin to allow them to proceed.

**Preserve Iowa Conference:** Commissioners encouraged to attend this training opportunity and to register soon. Conference will be held June 2-4th in Mason City.

**Clear View Farm:** Cathie Kusman and husband have purchased a farm near Volga City. It is in tough shape and they are interested in getting info on how to restore a very unique house and barn. Roger T. has seen the property and states that the house has ornate brickwork with arched windows and original woodwork. It does seem to be structurally sound. Barn is on the Iowa Barn Foundation website and they have been given \$10,000 by this group to help restore it. Prior owners of this farm have been Tim Hurley and Milton Duff. This couple plans to invest \$10,000 a year to restore this. Commission will

visit this site in the future. Roger advised the couple that Commission can help with referrals for grants.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Archive Building:** Ellen had asked Commissioners to look at the back of a building in the 100 block of First Street in Elkader to see if it is limestone. Commissioner Chris Schoen did view it and stated that it is built of concrete block meant to mimic stone. Therefore this will not be added to CCHPC Stone Structure Inventory website.

#### **Elkader Shelter House:**

City of Elkader manager has asked that CCHPC secure National Registry for this historic building. Chairperson Thomas will ask City to paint porch roof of the building. National Registry will be co-ordinated by the CCHPC. Commissioner John N. moved that CCHPC secure National Registry designation for this building and Commissioner Lee L. seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ellen C. suggested using a CCFF grant to secure funding to place shelter house on the National Registry.

**Ho-Chunk Nation Workshop:** Chairperson Roger T. met recently with Ho-Chunk Nation representative and it was suggested that we meet with this tribal representative. Their government is located in Black River Falls,

Wisconsin. He is willing to come to this area for an informational meeting. It was suggested by Chairperson Roger T. that we meet at the historic church in Girard. This would be open to the public.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the CCDG office.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy K. and seconded by Lee L. Motion passed unanimously.