

**Minutes for Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission  
June 11, 2021**

**Those in attendance were Brandie Backes, Ellen Collins, Lee Lenth and Chris Schoen.**

**Agenda approved in a unanimous motion by Lee L. and seconded by Chris S.**

**Minutes from May 14, 2021 meeting were approved in a unanimous motion by Lee L. and seconded by Chris S.**

**Financial report: Balance is \$1,226.94. Roger has submitted for reimbursement to Brandie, Ellen and himself for the Preserve Iowa Conference registration.**

**No Guests attended meeting.**

**Old Business:**

**Elkader's 175<sup>th</sup> celebration Saturday June 19, 2021 downtown Elkader. Commission will have a booth in Mascara Park-next to the Opera House. Lee will provide 5 floor easels, a tent and clips. Ellen will bring a card table and clips. JOHN N. will bring the pull up banner. We will meet at 9:00 AM to set up and will be open from 9:30-3:00 PM. Early settlers characters will be inside various buildings to provide shelter from the heat. ROGER to bring a tent. Lee will also bring a mounted banner inviting people to stop by our CCHPC booth**

**Iowa State Fair:**

**Roger has ordered 5 gate passes and 5 parking passes for Wednesday, August 18. Ellen and Bruce have reservations at Quality Inn 4995 NW Merle Hay Road 515-278-2381 in case anyone else would like to stay and ride together to the Fair and back.**

**Update on McDermott/Byrnes Creamery story board at Osborne. Ellen contacted Jenna Pollack , CCC Director, regarding getting it up. She**

said it should be up this next week prior to Elkader's 175<sup>th</sup> celebration. It has been framed and just needs to have posts driven and storyboard attached.

**Preserve Iowa Conference:** Those who attended were Roger, Ellen, Brandie and Chris (representing Guttenberg HPC).

**New Business:**

Cardinal Hickory Transmission Line story will be aired on KWWL at a later date by Reporter Travis Brees. For most updated information refer to e-mails from the Archaeologist and Commissioner Roger T.

**Open Comments:**

Ellen stated she has received information related to 2 buildings in the county about their status. Elkader Floral Hall in the City Park was mentioned that status was questionable – possible roof leaking and wondering if the City of Elkader will be fixing it. Ellen will discuss with City Administrator. Also St. Mary's Church convent, which is on the National Registry of Historic places may be torn down. Chris S. will try to secure a delay of demolition to get time to pursue preservation funding and a plan to keep the building for other uses. He is persuing this in conjunction with the Guttenberg HPC. There are asbestos concerns along with ease of access concerns and financial concerns.

Lee asked about an Elk Township stone building on Hilton Road. He reported that it has been sold and he would like to possibly have a sign posted on it. He will inquire with the new owner about the possibility and get back to this commission. It is on our stone structure website- [www.claytoncountystonestructures.com](http://www.claytoncountystonestructures.com)

**Our next regular meeting will be Friday, July 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the CCDG office. All are welcome.**

**Motion to adjourn by Brandie B. was seconded by Lee L. was unanimously approved.**

