



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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October 16, 2024

Members Present

Kim Hanna, Chair
Barb Westercamp, Secretary
Steve Ciha
Stacey Colledge-Skelton
Hilary Copeland-Marvin
Matt Kenney
Nancy Kraft
Maura Pilcher

Absent

Todd McNall, Vice Chair

Guests

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison
Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair, Kim Hanna called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Westercamp to approve the minutes of August 21, 2024, second by Pilcher with those present voting aye.

Announcements/Communication

Wylam announced the Preserve Iowa Summit dates were released. It will be held June 5 – 7, 2025. Pilcher mentioned presenting the Rural Preservation Initiative at the event. Kenney asked if the summit had ever been held in Cedar Rapids. Ciha said he believed it had been there in 2012.

Pilcher notified the commissioners of a meeting with the community at Grant Wood Elementary to get feedback on what to do with the school.



Budget

There is currently a total of \$9,545 in the current FY2025 budget.

The Fall Amendment Request for \$9,270 will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on November 6, 2024. Hanna asked Wylam if someone needed to be at the meeting to represent HPC.

Ciha asked if the Seedling Mile signs had been paid for yet. Wylam confirmed they had not.

FY 2025 Work Plan

Brucemore's report from last year's grant project was presented. Brucemore had received an extension from the committee. Colledge-Skelton had questions about the amounts listed. Pilcher moved to accept the report as presented, second by Westercamp with those present voting aye.

The Seedling Mile signage was discussed. Ciha gave a report and pictures were presented. The signs are in place. The AACAA had asked if they would be able to have the old signs. It was noted that Linn County was okay with giving the old signs away. Ciha mentioned the cost was greater than initial estimates.

Jeannie Hau communicated the Lincoln Highway Signs at the Abbe Creek site had received the grant. Signs will be installed in June or July of 2025. There are two remaining kiosks at Wanatee Park and Lincoln Heights that need replacement.

Colledge-Skelton asked if it was possible to add a Lincoln Highway sign to the Seedling Mile sign. Kraft asked who would get the sign. Pilcher thought they could be ordered. Ciha volunteered to go and do measurements. Pilcher mentioned Secondary Roads approval and Ciha said he would contact them.

The Paris Bridge was brought up as a possible bridge removal project in 2027.

The sign at Indian Creek for the Blue Bridge was discussed and a photo of the bridge with the sign was shown. It had been previously decided to fund the sign from the commission budget. The cost of the sign was \$3,000. Westercamp moved to approve the reimbursement to Indian Creek Nature Center for the sign, second by Kraft with all those present voting aye.

Wylam brought up the future meeting dates of November 20th and December 18th and asked HPC members to please let him know about their ability to attend those meetings.

The work plan was discussed. Copeland-Marvin asked about the grant schedule. Wylam was asked to add the scoring matrix for the grants to the November or December meeting agenda. Copeland-Marvin would like to see more clarity regarding eligible projects. Pilcher may have to edit the work plan or give administrative rights to Linn County for Wylam to make changes to the plan. Pilcher brought up having someone present at the Preserve Iowa Summit to discuss the use of the CLG grant money. Hanna asked what needed to be done. Pilcher noted the FY25 tab needed to be updated. Ciha talked about the addition of the Lincoln Highway kiosks. Pilcher

said the Seedling Mile signs should be added to the work plan for the end of year report. The Abbe Creek School sign was also mentioned.

Hanna suggested the Grant should be the focus for the November meeting and the Work Plan should be the topic for the December meeting.

Next Meeting

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2024

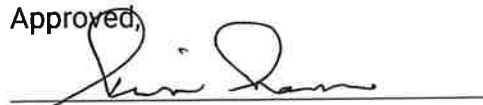
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm by Hanna.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Kim Hanna, Chair