



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
April 16, 2025

Members Present

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

Absent

Guests

Kathy Clemens – Linn County Fair Association
Tim Clemens - Linn County Fair Association
Kelly Hajek – The History Center
Marilyn Millard – Coggon Historical Society
Katie Benedix – Brucemore, Inc

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison
Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Hanna called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Public Comment

None



Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes was made by Westercamp, second by McNall with all those present voting aye, to approve minutes of March 19, 2025.

Budget

Currently there is \$14,748.10 in the budget. The amount remaining after the Lincoln Highway kiosk expense will be \$6007.10.

New Business

FY26 Grant Applicant Presentations

Kathy and Tim Clemens presented for the Linn County Fair Association. Their organization is looking for funds to help repair the Garden Building located on the Linn County Fairgrounds.

Kelly Hajek spoke on behalf of The History Center. The History Center is seeking funding for a digitization project of local real estate records.

Marilyn Millard represented the Coggon Historical Society in their request for a grant to redo the sidewalk in front of the historic hall in Coggon.

Katie Benedix made a request for grant funding for Brucemore, Inc. Brucemore is implementing a Tour Improvement Plan and seeking funds to help with the cost.

FY 2025 Work Plan

Ciha updated the commission on communication regarding the Abbe Creek School Lincoln Highway kiosk. Ciha had received an email from Jeanie Hau requesting a meeting with Ciha and the Conservation Department to find a location for the kiosk. Ciha discussed concerns about the design of the structure. McNall expressed concerns about handicap accessibility. Ciha has asked Hau to provide the design ahead of time for HPC's discussion and approval. Questions remain regarding installation and a site plan.

Colledge-Skelton gave an update on the Wanatee Creek Park kiosk design. She shared design revisions she made to the sign.

Copeland-Marvin will turn on the scoring on the grant website. There was a question on the Seminole Valley grant application. Wylam is to reach out to them. Wylam also offered to reach out to any other group if needed.

Communication

McNall recognized Westercamp regarding her generous donations of new books to area school children. McNall mentioned the recent KCRG story on her and the book donations. She and her husband have donated 113,000 books to students over the years.

Kenney updated the commission on his pioneer cemetery work. He has been awarded a \$500 grant for the family cemetery he is trying to preserve. Kenney asked for suggestions on a 501(c)(3) to help him with the funds. Save CR Heritage was suggested as a potential 501(c)(3).

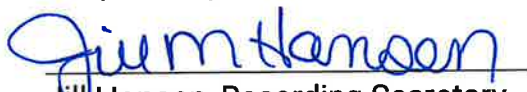
Next Meeting

Special Grant Meeting to Discuss Funding Recommendations, Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Adjournment -

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Kim Hanna, Chair