



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
July 16, 2025

Members Present

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

Absent

Stacey Colledge-Skelton

Guests

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison
Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary
Grace Hobson, Planning and Development Intern

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes, with amendment proposed by Ciha, to add attendance of Grace Hobson, Planning and Development Intern, was made by McNall, second by Westercamp with all those present voting aye to approve the minutes from June 18, 2025.

Announcements/Communication

An email from Kathy Gourley regarding the State Historical Society's Iowa City branch and its collections was discussed. Hanna told the group if anyone was so inclined they could



go as individuals to sign the petition linked in the email. Pilcher asked if HPC had the ability to write a letter as a group or if they could sign the petition as an HPC member. Wylam did not think the petition allowed for more than the individual's name. Kraft mentioned the closing of this branch and its collection had been an ongoing issue with concerns about the many unique items in Iowa City branch's collection.

Budget

HPC budget has reset to the annual budget of \$9545.00. A fall amendment to the budget will be requested from the Board of Supervisors for the leftover budget funds of \$14,748.00 which includes the \$8000.00 allocated for the Wanatee Park Lincoln Highway kiosk. McNall verified that the HPC Grant money was separate from the regular budget amount which Wylam confirmed that it was separate.

New Business

None

FY 2026 Work Plan

The Ely Community History Society FY25 Preservation Grant Final Report was submitted. The report was discussed. A motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Pilcher, second by Kraft with all those present voting aye to approve the report.

It was asked if there were any other outstanding FY25 grant final reports left to approve. Wylam said he would check but believed the Lisbon Library was the only one left needing to submit a final report.

The Abbe Creek Lincoln Highway kiosk was discussed next. Brad reported that Jeanie Hau let him know that she would not be able to attend the meeting. Hau is now planning to attend the August meeting. McNall asked if the kiosk project would still be happening in this construction season. Ciha reported that there was no delivery date of materials at this time and the date of the material order was still unknown. McNall had reservations about storing the materials and wanted his concerns to be expressed. He feared damage could occur from transportation. He would like the materials to be delivered to the kiosk location when ready for installation. Ciha thought the installation and site plan were still of concern. Ciha liked Colledge-Skelton's suggestion of positioning the kiosk perpendicular to the road at last month's meeting. Discussion turned to the proposed sign content. Wylam said Hau was still working on the map but had made changes to the other parts. Questions were brought up regarding the pdf sent by Hau as it didn't appear to have all the edits made, especially the ones by Colledge-Skelton to the graphic spacing. Pilcher had concerns about the chronology of the pictures, too. Pilcher volunteered to go through and compare the two versions of the sign. Copeland-Marvin will send Pilcher her edits. Wylam mentioned that there was a hope that Linn County Conservation would help to install the sign. Ciha asked about having a conservation representative at the next meeting. Wylam will share access again to the google doc containing the sign information with HPC members. Hanna gave the assignment to Ciha

to work on the site plan. McNall volunteered to do the site plan instead. Ciha said he could send his work on a site plan to McNall.

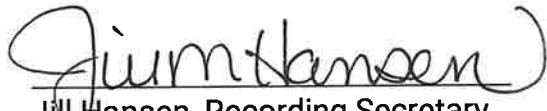
Wylam told members the Antique Automobile Club of America voted to give \$250.00 towards the Seedling Mile Signs. As the signs had already been paid for, Wylam said HPC can't simply take the funds. However, the funds could be put toward another project such as the Abbe Creek kiosk installation. Ciha mentioned it could be used to help pay to move the Seedling Mile Monument to the Abbe Creek site as well.

Next Meeting

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm by Hanna.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Kim Hanna, Chair