



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
November 19, 2025

Members Present

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

Absent

Guests

Jeanie Hau

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison
Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Hanna called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with discussed amendments by Pilcher, second by Kenney with all those present voting aye, to approve minutes of September 17, 2025.

McNall requested to move the Abbe Creek kiosk discussion to beginning of the agenda.



Abbe Creek Kiosk Discussion

Jeanie Hau representing Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development presented the proposal for the new Abbe Creek Kiosk. The sign is part of an Iowa Department of Transportation project. Hau's group is a non-profit organization that contracts with the IDOT to facilitate signs for the Lincoln Highway. NEIA RC&D is securing quotes for the new sign from vendors. There will be two reviews of the design. The order will be placed in the spring and delivery will most likely be in the summer of 2026. Hau asked for feedback on the current design. HPC commissioners had suggestions on map labeling, wording changes, graphic changes, and the placement of kiosks on the map. The QR code and information linked to it were also discussed. Hau suggested Wylam send information to add to the QR code. Hau said she would use colors that match the current kiosks. Ciha had questions on the installation. McNall presented an ADA accessible site plan. Discussion on installation occurred. The future location of the Seedling Mile monument was discussed. Design for the site would need to be approved by Linn County Conservation. It was asked if Conservation would be willing to do the installation. Orientation of the Abbe Creek Kiosk as it appears from the parking lot and road was discussed. It was felt the orientation of the sign should be read correctly from the parking lot side and not be backwards when viewed from the lot. A smaller kiosk by the Abbe Creek School was brought up. This sign would need to be discussed with Linn County Conservation. McNall asked for the updated graphics when completed to be sent out to the commissioners.

Copeland- Marvin left the meeting at 4:35 pm

Announcements/Communication

The Genealogical Society of Linn County sent an invitation for all the HPC commissioners to their annual Christmas open house on December 6, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Pilcher reported that she attended the Past Forward Conference and enjoyed it. She mentioned there was talk about having more regional conferences.

Discussion on the Witwer Mansion being on the National Registry was held.

Budget

There is \$14,929.00 in the budget after the fall budget request was approved. This amount includes the Wanatee sign and Pilcher's conference invoices being deducted.

Ciha asked about the Antique Automobile Club of America check that had been received by HPC. Wylam confirmed it had been sent back.

FY 2026 Work Plan

Wylam brought up the HPC Grant calendar and asked if anyone had changes.

Hanna informed the commission that she is not renewing her position on the commission. She will remain the rest of the year, but the commission will have to elect a new chair after the first of the year.

Wylam said the list of returning members will be sent to the Board of Supervisors to be approved.

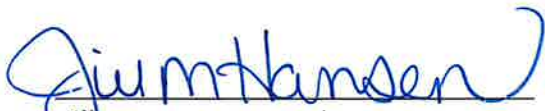
Next Meeting

Next Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Hanna at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Approved,


Kim Hanna, Chair