



LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Minutes
April 15, 2026

Members Present

Todd McNall, Chair
Hilary Copeland-Marvin, Secretary
Steve Ciha
Stacey Colledge-Skelton
Mary Evans
Matt Kenney
Nancy Kraft
Maura Pilcher

Absent

Barb Westercamp, Vice-Chair

Guests

Linda Bigley - Friends of the Lisbon Library
Martha Hurst - Friends of the Lisbon Library
Landon Diehl
Jessica Peet-Austin – Brucemore
Marilyn Millard – Coggon Community Historical Society
Kathy Clemens – Linn County Fair Association
Tim Clemens – Linn County Fair Association
Jason Hoover – Seminole Valley Farm Museum
Heather Wagner – Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
Drake Wilson – Eastern Iowa Arts Academy
John Allen – Fuel/Plaza 425
John Moes – Fuel/Plaza 425
Vicki Hughes – Marion Historical Society

Staff Present

Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison
Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary



Call to Order

Chair McNall called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Colledge-Skelton, second by Kraft with all those present voting aye, to approve minutes of March 18, 2026.

New Business

Grant Application Presentations

Jessica Peet-Austin from Brucemore presented the Pet Cemetery Conservation Project. Brucemore is seeking \$5000.00 in grant funds for their project.

Marilyn Millard with Coggon Community Historical Society presented the Clemons House Wallpaper Replacement Project. The group is seeking \$3800.00 in grant funds for the project.

Heather Wagner and Drake Wilson from Eastern Iowa Arts Academy presented the Arthur Preservation Stabilization: Gutter and Downspout Corrections Project. They are seeking \$2350.00 in grant funds for the project.

Martha Hurst and Linda Bigley from Friends of the Lisbon Library presented the Lisbon Public Library West Wall Repair Project. The organization is seeking \$5000.00 in grant funds for the project.

John Allen and John Moes with FUEL presented Plaza 425 Historical Interpretation Project – Phase 1: Research, Writing & Digital Experience Project. FUEL is seeking \$6500.00 in grant funds for the project.

Kathy Clemens and Tim Clemens with the Linn County Fair Association presented the Refurbish Upper Windows in the Garden Building Project. The group is seeking \$5000.00 in grant funds for the project.

Landon Diehl presented on behalf of a private residence. Due to it being a private residence and not owned by a non-profit organization, it was determined that it did not qualify for the Linn County Historic Preservation Grant. HPC members gave suggestions as to where he might find available grants or low interest loans that his project would qualify.

Vicki Hughes with the Marion Historical Society presented two projects: Preserving our History for Future Generations and Good Stewards of Our Treasured Museum. The

organization is seeking \$1000.00 in grant funding for Preserving our History Project and \$4000.00 for the Good Stewards Project.

Jason Hoover from the Seminole Valley Farm Museum presented the 1920 Barn Scan Project. The group is seeking \$5380.00 in grant funds for the project.

Announcements/Communication

Wylam brought up Preserve Iowa Summit to be held on June 2 - 3 in Ankeny. HPC needs someone to attend a conference this year, and the Preserve Iowa Summit would qualify. The HPC budget could be used toward commissioners' attendance. McNall expressed interest in going. Wylam said there could be a vote on funding at the April 29th meeting. Commissioners are to let Wylam know if they are interested in going and he will get a cost estimate.

The Paris Bridge Section 106 update was given by Wylam. There have been conversations with the parties concerned and Wylam thought HPC would get the request it was seeking for the preservation of part of the bridge and a plaque. There may be a kiosk as well. Another meeting has been scheduled and Wylam will send an invitation to the commissioners. It was noted that there could only be 4 or less attending to avoid a quorum at this meeting. McNall, Pilcher, and Kenney expressed interest in attending the meeting. McNall asked for clarification on date and time. Wylam said it would be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at 1:30pm. Ciha expressed his interest in having a bronze sign for the bridge.

Kraft left the meeting at 5:12 pm.

Lincoln Highway Kiosk at the Abbe Creek location was discussed. McNall expressed an unwillingness to offer money for concrete work to Linn County Conservation. Ciha has talked to Conservation regarding the project and has a meeting on Monday, April 20th at 10:00 am. McNall was invited to attend as well.

Wylam mentioned Jeanie Hau is sending the Abbe Creek Sign information for review. Wylam will get the attachments and send them to the group. Colledge-Skelton will again review for accuracy and design.

Budget

\$14,929.00 remains in the budget.

FY 2026 Work Plan

Abbe Creek Sign, Paris Bridge Project, Mount Vernon Lincoln Highway Kiosk and the Preserve Iowa Summit were brought up as all possible uses for the remaining budget funds.

Next Meeting

Special Grant Meeting to Discuss Funding Recommendations will be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by McNall at 5:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Jill Hansen, Recording Secretary

Todd McNall, Chair