



## LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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**Minutes**  
**May 15th, 2019**

### **Members Present**

Maura Pilcher  
Patricia Soukup  
Amanda Happel  
Nancy Goodlove  
Connie Robinson  
Dick Thomas  
Michael LeClere

### **Absent**

Brent Harstad

### **Staff Present**

Mike Tertinger, Staff Liaison  
Jessica Black, Recording Secretary

### **Call to Order**

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements/Communication**

Tertinger sent members of the commission an email from Paula Mohr asking for participation in the round table discussion to be held at the Preserve Iowa Summit in Newton on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30. Pilcher & Happel will attend.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Goodlove motioned, Soukup second, all present voting aye to approve minutes from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting as submitted.

### **Budget**

Remaining HPC account balance is \$12,502. Remaining balance in the HPC Grant Program budget is \$2,250.

Tertinger wondered status of invoice from Coggon National Register Nomination. LeClere will follow up with Wapsi Valley for more information.



## **New Business**

None

## **FY19 Work Plan**

### ***Demolition Review***

No update. Thomas mentioned that Mt. Vernon has not passed their demo review policy yet. **Section 106**

No update.

### ***Pioneer Cemeteries***

Sherry Timmins, who was originally spearheading this project, resigned. Darrin Gage should have some information. Tertinger will follow up with Gage.

### ***Wickiup***

Next step is meeting with Daniel Gibbins from Linn County Conservation.

### ***HRDP Grant for NRHP nomination***

Pilcher spoke with Mohr about Witwer Farms. Pilcher will discuss Witwer at the roundtable discussion during the Preserve Iowa Summit. There is still some confusion as to how to pass CLG grants on to private property.

## **FY21 Grant Application Improvements Discussion**

Thomas expressed concern for the number of high dollar amount requests on grant applications. He would like the application to state the absolute top dollar amount requests to be entertained. Pilcher agreed.

Tertinger wondered if cities that have their own CLG should be excluded.

Thomas would like the Board of Supervisors to be more involved with the grant program. Pilcher does not, stating that she thinks the Board would restrict amount given to HPC for grants. She would rather add a disclaimer to the grant application, saying that if the applicant already receives money from Linn County, they are not eligible for the HPC grant.

Thomas added that he does not think it's fair for small, rural communities applying for grants for the repair of five windows to be competing against a bigger community with a larger endowment.

Happel suggested the application be worded differently, adding language that is geared more towards rural or small projects. Pilcher suggested adding, "preference will be given to" or doing two separate grants; a small grant and bigger grant. She also mentioned adding a comment about applicants' operating budget to help justify why HPC asks for that information on grant application.

Several other members of the commission discussed possible revisions to the grant application and review process.

## **Next Meeting**

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Adjournment** – Motion by Soukup, second by Robinson, those present voting aye, to adjourn the HPC meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

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Jessie Black, Recording Secretary

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Maura Pilcher, Chair