

**Minutes for Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission Meeting held March 9, 2024.  
Meeting held at Barnum-King Cemetery site near Clayton Center and later at the C.C. Genie  
Society office in Elkader**

Those present: Ellen and Bruce Collins, Dave Beck, Sue Meyer, Trace Bolsinger -Hertz Farm Management representing land owner Burt Coulter, and Monumental Restoration members Sarah Gunderson and Emily Blom.

Those present at the cemetery site were Collins', Dave Beck, Sue Meyer and Hertz Manager Trace Bolsinger. Those present at the CC Genie Society were Collins', Dave Beck and Sue Meyer plus the Monumental Restoration members.

Motion to approve agenda by Dave Beck and seconded by Sue Meyer. Motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from the last meeting by Sue Meyer and seconded by Ellen Collins. Motion was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce reported that the Commission has \$1,303 in the County funds and \$1,470 in Freedom Bank account. There have been no changes in the last month in either account. Motion to approve by Dave Beck and seconded by Sue Meyer. Motion approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Results of signs needing painting during this next season:

Old Garber: Dave is unsure and will check by next meeting

Meenan: YES needs painting and some work needed to straighten it. Ellen will check with Zach Marmann to see if he will straighten it.

Mustfeldt Cemetery: does NOT need painting

Bismark: YES needs painting

Others listed at last months meeting to check were not pioneer cemeteries.

Bruce submitted for commission approval the cost of printing a sign for Schmidt Cemetery. Sign has been completed and Bruce paid for the sign. Sue Meyer and Dave Beck signed approval due to the absence of Chairperson Lee Embretson. Invoice will be submitted to the Auditor for reimbursement for Bruce.

Update on Noggle Cemetery sign: Ellen contacted Alan Kickbush related to putting a sign up on site of the cemetery. He was very agreeable and said he does not need to be present-just have it made and put it up.

Barnum-King Cemetery: Commission members: Ellen and Bruce Collins, Dave Beck and Sue Meyer met Hertz Management Representative Trace Bolsinger at cemetery site and mapped out an area 15 X 30 feet for proposed cemetery area to place recovered stones. Site is along a fence line. Hertz Management Representative took pictures of the proposed site and took a picture of the Barnum-King sign Commission plans to erect when site is completed. He will contact owner Burt Coulter with these plan ideas.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED: After visiting the Barnum-King Cemetery site we then met at CC Genie building due to weather being so cold. Trace Bolsinger was not present there, but 2 representatives of Monumental Restoration were in attendance plus 4 PCC members. Monumental Restoration representatives presented their ideas for the site and would really like to have a larger area than the PCC members plotted out. They presented their ideas and possible compromise would be to have area selected be along the road and not along the fence, since that is most likely where the actual cemetery was originally. Monumental Restoration rep said she will contact the Hertz Management Rep with this idea. More discussion will follow at CCPCC meeting in April.

Sarah Gunderson presented an update on the Barnum-King Cemetery work that Monumental Restoration has done. She presented a booklet of information to the PCC with pictures from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Aerial Archives comparing various photos thru a number of years of the farm land where burial site is located. They have also confirmed the number burials at the site by locating 20 individual headstones or footstones List of names on the stones are included in the booklet plus pictures of stones.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Question by Commission member Bruce Collins of Monumental Restoration representative related to the costs of their services. Sarah Gunderson explained that they are a 501C3 organization and their services are free but they do accept donations if the group can afford it. They use donations to e.g. to purchase supplies for the next project they may take on.

We did not discuss reinstalling stone at Garetson Cemetery.

We did not discuss reinstalling footstone at McClelland.

Sue Meyer will discuss idea related to 911 signs being placed at PC sites at next meeting.

Bruce Collins presented for approval a draft of the wording for a sign at the Noggle Cemetery. With a spelling correction it was approved to move ahead to completion. Motion by Ellen Collins and seconded by Dave Beck was approved unanimously. Bruce will contact sign company to complete sign.

Commission members made aware of a Revolutionary War veteran buried in Goshen Cemetery. This is just an FYI. Cemetery is located on Pumpkin Ridge Road, SE of Millville.

We did not discuss rules and regulations to be buried in a P.C. Are there any?

Next meeting: Friday, April 12, 2024, site to be determined at a later date.