

CCHPC meeting minutes for Friday, April 9, 2021 held at Elkader Masonic Lodge

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairperson Roger Thomas. Those present were Ellen Collins, Milt Johnson, Lee Lenth, John Nikolai, Chris Schoen, and Roger Thomas.

Agenda was unanimously approved in a motion by Lee L. and seconded by John N.

Minutes from March 12, 2021 meeting were read and approved in a unanimous motion by John N. and seconded by Milt J.

Financial Report: \$1,440.78

Guests: none

Old Business:

175th Elkader Birthday Celebration 6-19-2021.:

Discussion ensued and determined that CCHPC will set up at 9:00AM and have booth open from 10:00AM-3:00PM. Lee and Roger will bring tables, and Lee will bring tables and easels. It was decided to submit a 2 column ad for the Elkader newspaper announcing CCHPC's booth and location in Mascara Park next to the Opera House. Ellen has several posters ready to display and we will have the flour sack from Elkader Roller Mill, plus a couple of other banners. Milt J. moved that we secure an ad for the June 8 and June 15 issues of the Elkader newspaper publicizing CCHPC's participation. Motion seconded by Lee N. Motion was approved unanimously. Roger Thomas has volunteered to provide lariat I.D. nametags for all commission members for use at the 175th booth and the state fair. Ellen C. will contact sign company to order the banner to use at the 175th so Lee L. can frame it.

Invoice submitted by Ellen C. for payment of monies expended to print documents to place in clock tower and Auditor's Office related to the clock tower project headed up by CCHPC. Milt J. made motion and seconded by Lee L. to approve reimbursing Ellen C. of \$17.16 for copying of records related to the restoration of the clock tower.

Discussion about the historic Rockcrest/Johnson barn. Roger T. and John N. will take pictures of the barn and send them to the state. This is the process to secure a state advisor on the barn.

Cardinal Hickory Transmission line project:

Roger T. stated that a Zoom meeting will be held at 11:00 AM today and he will participate. More news at our next meeting.

New Business:

Historic Keystone Bridge in Elkader: Report by CCHPC liaison Milt Johnson. The bridge contract was rejected by the Iowa D.O.T. as it was considerably above the estimate. Elkader City Council has discussed situation and it will be discussed again but a new time frame will not allow work, if approved, to be completed this year.

Preservation Month:

May is Preservation Month. Roger will ask Supervisor's to approve a proclamation to this affect and then it will be submitted for a newspaper announcement.

Gary Goyette: Book collection related to barns will be placed in the CCHPC files at the CCDG office.

State Fair discussion including expenses for those that attend:

Motion by Milt J. and seconded by John N. to pay for mileage, parking, tickets, and hotel accommodations. So far John N., Ellen C., Chris S. and Lee L. have committed to go. Roger T. is still considering it.

Open Comments:

Madelyn Tennenbaum of the D.N.R. put together flood info for 100 year, 500 year and 1000 year floods for the county. She has contacted the CCGenieSociety and the Carter House. They hope to develop flood maps for the future so towns know how to protect their communities from floods.

Possible new Commissioner Brandie Backes from North Buena Vista. Roger T. will follow up to see if she has been appointed by the Supervisors. E-mail is b.backes13@yahoo.com. She works in Dubuque so would not be available for a weekday morning meeting. Chris S. suggested if she agrees possibly once a month we could do a Zoom meeting at her lunchtime. More info to follow on this.

Concern issued by Roger T. about an Elk Township stone building that is on the CCHPC stone structure inventory website. There is a new owner and hopefully the new owner will maintain the structure. Lee L. will contact new owner to determine the plans for this building. The building is north of Edgewood and has a Garber address.