

Clayton County Pioneer Cemetery Commission
Meeting: Sept 14, 2024

The monthly meeting was called to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. at the Elkader Genealogy Office.

Attending the meeting were Chairperson Lee Embretson and commission members David Beck, Ellen Collins and Bruce Collins.

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for this meeting were presented. A motion was made by David Beck to accept the agenda as presented. Ellen Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Related to the minutes, Chairperson Lee Embretson asked if everyone read the minutes and if there were any additions or corrections. Everyone read the minutes and there being no additions or corrections, David Beck made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bruce Collins said that at this time no disbursements had been made from the \$2,000 budgeted from the county since the start of the fiscal year July 01st, so we still have that balance.

For the commission's account at Freedom Bank, the balance is \$2,010.64. Since our last meeting a donation was received from Elaine Grimes for \$500.00 in appreciation for the sign placed in their ancestor's burial place, the Schmidt Pioneer Cemetery. There was no other activity in this account.

Ellen Collins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. David Beck seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

As noted at our last meeting related to the **easement agreement for the Barnum Cemetery**, Lee Embretson said he did sign it and gave it to Trace Bolsinger from Hertz Management to forward to the owners of the property for their signatures. Lee said this document has not been returned to him and he has not followed-up with Trace Bolsinger related to it.

Related to **fencing at the Barnum Cemetery**, at a prior meeting a motion was passed to install fencing along the roadway perimeter. For a particular type of wire fencing that seemed acceptable to the commission members at this meeting, the pricing shown on an internet search was \$950 for a fence 100 ft. long and 48 inches tall.

For our next meeting, Lee Embretson will follow-up with Meuser Lumber to get the complete cost for this fencing with all the components necessary for installation.

On **mowing the Barnum Cemetery** one more time for this year, Lee Embretson was going to follow-up with Tyler Carlson about doing that, but has not yet done so.

Becky Fox advised that she has found **more grave stones related to the Barnum Cemetery**. Lee to follow-up with her about this.

On the **Meenan Pioneer Cemetery** aluminum sign that was approved for production at our last meeting, Ellen Collins said that sign was installed at the cemetery this past Wednesday (Sept 11th) with the assistance of Charlie Jaster. Ellen noted that members of the Meenan Family, JoAnn and Kenneth Fishel, were there as well, and they were pleased with the sign and the installation.

Bruce Collins presented two bills related to the Meenan sign, one production related for \$144.54 and another for 46 miles of travel related to this sign.

David Beck made a motion to approve these bills for payment, Lee Embretson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Again this month Ellen Collins noted the metal fabricated sign has not been reinstalled by Zach Marmann at the Meenan Cemetery.

On the **Winkowitsch Pioneer Cemetery** in Farmersburg Twp., David Beck provided information related to those buried there. Bruce Collins will work on a draft for a sign that the commission may want to put at this site.

There was some discussion about the Griffith gravestones stored at the Eastside Cemetery and also about the Barnum Cemetery gravestones. Sarah Gunderson will be restoring the stones for both cemeteries.

Also the **Schori Pioneer Cemetery** in Marion Twp. was discussed. Our commission has done work there on several occasion in the past, and placing a sign there was discussed. David Beck will do some research related to those buried there.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 12th with the possibility of making a visit to the Wolf Cemetery near Elkport in Volga Twp., on Linda Hauschild's farm, part of that meeting. -- See addendum below.

(The Wolf Cemetery was visited by David Beck, Myra Voss, Bruce and Ellen Collins on September 24th.)

A motion was made and passed to adjourn this meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Bruce Collins
Secretary/Treasurer

