



**LINN COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
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**Minutes**  
**June 21, 2023**

**Members Present**

Maura Pilcher, Chair  
Todd McNall, Vice-Chair  
Steve Ciha  
Barb Westercamp, Secretary  
Hilary Copeland-Marvin  
Robert Peterson  
Nancy Kraft  
Kim Hanna

**Absent**

Michael LeClere

**Guests**

**Staff Present**

Stephanie Lientz, Staff Liaison  
Bradley Wylam, Staff Liaison  
Susan Bennett, Recording Secretary

**Call to Order**

Chair Maura Pilcher called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Westercamp, second by McNall, those present voting aye, to approve minutes of May 17, 2023.

**Announcements/Communication**

FY24 HPC Grant Recommendations to Board of Supervisors – June 20 & June 21. Pilcher & Lientz presented to the Board of Supervisors. Save CR Heritage spoke in the public session thanking the Supervisors for their support.



CLG Grant Funding Update Email. Lientz sent this out and verified everyone present saw it. There was some discussion about whether we could request another since we have one in process (Klinsky Farms).

Peterson completed the documentation of the Japanese Wood Prints and brought a copy for anyone who would like to review it.

### **Budget**

There is \$19,210 in the budget. Fall amendment will need to be made because make the payment cut off as there was an issue getting the panels for the signs. Funds for the Klinsky nomination will come from the HPC budget.

### **New Business**

None.

### **FY 2023 Work Plan**

Discuss & Decide – Consider proposal for NRHP Nomination - RFP for Klinsky Farm NRHP Nomination. McNall noted that everyone involved in this project has been with the company less than a year. Kraft asked if HPC could contact references. Possible questions for the references include: Are they responsive? Are they good with deadlines? Are there any concerns they might have with the company? Copeland-Marvin asked if the number of proposed drafts are sufficient. The company also appears to be anticipating a CIBO review in 30 days, which may not be realistic.

Motion by McNall to accept the proposal pending 2 positive references. Copeland-Marvin seconded. All present voted aye.

Discuss & Decide - FY23 Preservation Grant Final Report / Ely History Society. Ely voided the invoices & resubmitted them with correct payors on them. The Commission discussed.

Motion by Westercamp, second by Kraft, all present voting aye to approve final grant report from the Ely History Society.

Update on Lisbon, Mount Vernon, State Patrol Lincoln Highway Kiosks. McNall & Ciha staked the locations with Mount Vernon & Lisbon staff. The new Lisbon kiosk will be downtown, and the new Mt Vernon kiosk will be further east, in the old right of way near the streetlight.

Update on County Home Water Tower. Ciha stated Brad Ketels, Linn County Engineering said that the water tower is still in operation, and the water is tested daily. The long-term plans for the tower are in flux because Linn County is moving the Engineering building and will probably sell that property.

Ciha motioned to inform the BOS that there is public concern about the future of the water tower. Discussion followed. It was noted that Darrin Gage, Director of Policy & Administration in the Board of Supervisors' office, is aware of the concerns. It was also noted that if the county sells the property, the likelihood is that the new owner will let the tower remain. Lientz noted that, at this time, Marion has indicated that they will not extend

city services to that area. Pilcher reminded HPC members that the tower is not National Register eligible. Ciha withdrew the motion.

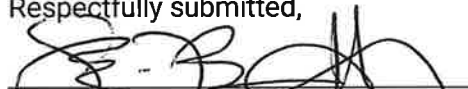
Pilcher said there was a sequence on CBS Sunday Morning regarding Paul Revere Williams, and his importance in American architecture. The Witwer Estate on East Post Road was designed by him.

**Next Meeting**


July 19, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sue Bennett, Recording Secretary

Approved,

  
Maura Pilcher, Chair