

Minutes of the Jefferson County Historic Preservation Meeting
April 23, 2015
UWEX Building, Room 12
Jefferson, Wisconsin

Call to Order at 6:37 PM

Attendance. Commission Members Present: Cindy Arbiture, Bob Birmingham, Mike Opager, James Levy. Members of the Public: Illeen Turner from Sullivan Historical Society (Sullivan).

Compliance with Open Meeting Law. Cindy Arbiture stated that the meeting was in compliance with open meeting law.

Review of Agenda. The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

Approve Minutes of Meeting Feb. 26, 2015. Several corrections were made: The word "Clyman" was corrected, and a spelling correction to was made to "Jaeger." Bob Birmingham made a motion to approve minutes as amended and this was unanimously approved.

Communications. Cindy Arbiture reported that the Commission received a communication from the Wisconsin Historical Society that it will be seeking public input for a statewide preservation plan, June 4. Joan Hyer, of Waterloo also requested that the Stoneybrook School House be considered for designation as Jefferson County Landmark and this led to a discussion of whether or not structures listed in the Commission surveys were automatically approved for county Local Landmark status. A review of the minutes for Nov. 24, 2014 indicated that the commission did indeed approve a motion that surveyed properties would be automatically approved for landmark status. Bob Birmingham made a motion, seconded by Mike Opager, that the commission proceed, on the Local Landmark designation and this was unanimously approved. It was also recommended that Joan be asked if she would be interested in getting the site listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as it is listed as "potentially eligible" in the NW Historic Survey.

Citizen Comments. Illeen Turner announced a Memorial Day celebration in Rome on May 25. Cindy Arbiture asked if there was community interest in listing the historic old Town Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. Illeen said some repairs are needed.

New Business

Public Hearing. A public hearing was held for the designation of the Wegner property as a Jefferson County Landmark. No one from the public came to speak about the property, so the public hearing was opened and adjourned at 7:10PM. Cindy Arbiture said she would send the resolution for review to the Jefferson Co. Administrator, and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

RFQ for Two NRHP nominations. A Request for Quote is needed for hiring a consultant to do two National Register nominations as part of our grant from the Wisconsin Historical Society. The Society will send RFQ model and Cindy Arbiture will solicit quotes from five consultants. These will be selected at next Commission meeting. The Society will prepare a MOA for the hire.

Historic Preservation Award. The Commission has been awarded the Wisconsin Association of Historic Preservation Commissions' 2015 Historic Preservation Excellence Award and President Cindy

Arbiture, will accept the award on behalf on the Commission at the WAHPC meeting in La Crosse, WI April 25.

Commission Appointments. Cindy Arbiture reported that the county board approved the appointments of Mike Opager and herself, for three years ending April 1, 2018

Old Business

Update on Wisconsin Farms Oral History. James Levy reported that there was a large gathering at the Edgewood Supper Club March 12 where local residents shared personal stories.

Vacant Position. Recommendations are still needed to fill the vacancy on the commission.

Annual History Conference, Fall 2015. After discussion, tentative dates for the conference were set for October 3 or 17, depending on availability of venue. Motion made by Bob Birmingham, seconded by Mike Opager, unanimously approved.

Next Meeting date: **May 28, 2015, 6:30 pm, UWEX, RM 8.**

Future Agenda Items. Bob Birmingham suggested inviting Chip Brown, of the Wisconsin Historical Society to the next meeting to discuss acquiring the WAS shape files for historical properties to be added as a layer to the county database. Bob will inquire as to Chip's availability.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Birmingham, acting secretary

amended with corrections 05/28/2015 by Mike Opager