

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission (DCHPC)
Thursday 7 April 2022 via Zoom

Historic Preservation Members (by term expiration date) Present:

31 Dec 22 Mary Goebel (Guttenberg)	31 Dec 22 Jason Neises (Mud Lake)
31 Dec 24 Chris Soeder (Dubuque)	31 Dec 23 R.R.S. Stewart (Dubuque)
31 Dec 23 Patricia J. Baum (Dubuque)	

Absent 31 Dec 22 David Vanderah (Peosta), 31 Dec 23, Sandra Larson (Bellevue)

Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm on April 7, 2022.

The April 2022 Agenda and February 2022 minutes were approved as submitted.

Cardinal-Hickory 345kV transmission line between Dubuque and Clayton County
American Transmission Co., ITC Midwest, and Dairyland Power Cooperative are building the 345-kilovolt Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission line that would run more than 100 miles from Dane County, Wisconsin through Clayton and Dubuque Counties in Iowa. The Driftless Area Land Conservancy and Wisconsin Wildlife Federation are suing the Rural Utilities Service, the federal agency that issued approvals for the project. On Jan. 14, U.S. District Judge William Conley ruled that the environmental review did not follow the guidelines it was supposed to and sent the environmental impact statement back for further review. American Transmission Co., ITC Midwest, and Dairyland Power Cooperative are appealing.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act states that Federal agencies must take into account the affects of its actions on historic properties. While this is separate from the environmental review of the transmission line project, Clayton and Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commissions, tribal entities, the State Historic Preservation Office and the state archeologist are being invited to re-submit any comments or concerns they have regarding the programmatic agreement as it concerns historic preservation.

FY 2022 budget allocation - DCHPC has offered to sponsor an exhibit titled "Toward Universal Suffrage". Stewart signed the agreement with Iowa State for Loras College to host the exhibit in their library from October 3 - 17, 2022. Brian Hallstoos from the University of Dubuque signed the agreement to display the exhibit in their multicultural center from October 18 to November 1. It is \$100 for the display at each site, plus a \$50 drop off fee and a \$50 pick-up fee, for \$300 total. Stewart has sent these invoices to the county budget director, but has not yet heard back as to when they will be paid. Soeder checked the county system and it does not look like these checks have been issued. He will contact budget director on Monday.

Every year a certified local government report has to be submitted to the state for Dubuque County. This report was emailed to commissioners with the other documents for this meeting. Stewart talked through the report with Commissioners and it was approved as submitted. It will be sent to the Board of Supervisors to approve before being sent to the State.

Commissioners reviewed and updated the workplan, which gets submitted with the CLG report. The main goal commissioners have been working on over the past year has been preparing four presentations on various topics.

Paula Neuhaus, a grant writer for the Dubuque County Historical Society, asked DCHPC to provide a letter of support for a Historic Preservation grant for the Ham House. Neises drafted a letter for the Commission to review. After a few revisions, it was approved.

The May Historic Preservation Month Proclamation was updated for 2022 and the list of activities for Architecture Days from May 2 to 7 was reviewed. Dubuque County Historical Society (DCHS) joins with DCHPC to present Historic Preservation Awards on May 3 at Five Flags. The City HPC will also present their awards at this event

The National Alliance of Historic Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program (CAMP) is being held both in person in Van Horne by the Benton County Historic Preservation Commission and presented virtually on April 30th. Registration is \$25.

The Preserve Iowa Summit will be held in Mason City from June 2-4. CLG members are eligible for a discounted registration rate of \$100 for the whole summit and Saturday's sessions are free. There will be a limited amount of money for reimbursing commissioners.

The next meeting of DCHPC will be on Thursday 2 June 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, R.R.S. Stewart