

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission (DCHPC)

Thursday 7 March 2024 at 3:45pm via zoom.

Historic Preservation Members (by term expiration date) Present:

31 Dec 26 Patricia J. Baum (Dubuque)	31 Dec 25 Rodney Fiebelkorn (Sherrill)
31 Dec 25 Jason Neises (Mud Lake)	31 Dec 26 Barry Montague (Dubuque)
31 Dec 26 R.R.S. Stewart (Dubuque)	<u>Others Present:</u> Duane Hagerty, Roger Langel

Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:46pm on 7 March 2024.

Commissioners and others in attendance were stated for the record.

The date on the March 2024 Agenda and February 2024 Minutes were corrected.

Old Business In January 2024, Chair Stewart submitted the Master Claim forms for DCHPC's annual memberships in Preservation Iowa, the Alliance for Historic Preservation Commissions and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for \$50 each. This leaves \$850 remaining in the 2024 Fiscal Year budget, which began on 1 July 2023. This could be used for Preserve Iowa Summit Registration (six commissioners at \$100 each) and a Juneteenth event.

There are no updates on the budget for the 2025 Fiscal Year or the Cardinal-Hickory Creek (C-HC) 345-kV Transmission Line Project in Iowa and Wisconsin. Stewart will email the Library Director at Carnegie-Stout Public Library, or other library staff about the possibility of Baum doing her presentation on Mid-Century Modern Architecture in Dubuque County.

New Business New Vienna has a water tower in the St. Boniface National Register District, but the water tower itself is currently considering non-contributing to the National Historic Register District. Everyone who has looked at the water tower, including the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), thinks it should be considered contributing. New Vienna is interested in applying for a Historic Resource Development Grant to restore the water tower, but the resource has to either be individually listed or be contributing to a Historic District. Also, only Certified Local Governments can apply for Historic Resource Development Grants. New Vienna is not a CLG, but Dubuque County is. New Vienna will amend the St. Boniface National Register District Vienna and proposed that Dubuque County apply for a HRDP grant in order to restore it. The project would cost a \$3000; \$2,000 would come from the HRDP grant and the New Vienna City Council would commit to contributing the \$1,000 cash match in the event the grant were awarded. Most recently, when Hagerty and Langel reached out to SHPO to ask about HRDP grants, they found out that during state government reorganization, SHPO moved to the Iowa Economic Development Authority, but the State Historical Society moved to the general services of the state. It appears that as part of the reorganization, SHPO will not be offering HRDP grants this year. There is no further need to discuss a proposed partnership between New Vienna and Dubuque County. New Vienna will look at alternatives for amending the St. Boniface National Register District and restoring the water tower.

Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission Vice-Chair Jason Neises will present on "What Style is It" on Monday, 1 April, at 6pm, at the Peosta library at Northeast Iowa Community College, 8342 NICC Drive, Peosta, IA 52068 and Wednesday, 3 April, at 6pm at the Asbury Branch of the Dubuque County Library, 5290 Grand Meadow Drive Asbury, IA, 52002.

The 2023 CLG report for Dubuque County was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Monday 4 March. The Commission reviewed and updated the workplan for 2024 so it could be submitted with the 2023 CLG to SHPO.

Announcement(s) –A joint meeting with Dubuque County Historical Society to discuss the Dubuque County Historic Preservation awards will take place on Monday March 11.

Respectfully submitted by RRS Stewart, Chair.