



**Meeting Walsh County Historic Preservation Commission
10-19-2022 at 7:00 p.m., via ZOOM**

Attending: Agatha Frisby, Dennis Markusen, Bergit Sobak, Sarah Johnston,
Tracy Laaveg, coordinator.

Absent: Jon McMillan, Shannon Brazil, M. Richard Geiger

Regular Meeting:

The minutes from the 7-20-22 regular meeting were approved on a motion from Dennis seconded by Bergit. Financial report was reviewed and approved on a motion from Sarah and seconded by Dennis. There is currently \$291.13 in the checkbook.

2021-22 Grant

Administration: Tracy continues to administer and complete the work under the existing grants. Members are encouraged to submit in kind hours.

Brochures: Brochures are available upon request and continue to be distributed. We do have several on hand at the moment

Geocaching: Chad Thorvilson continues to maintain and service the existing Caches. Tracy is waiting for verification of installation of the sites at Homme Dam, Forest River Bank, Benas Monument, Pisek School, Walsh County Courthouse, Grafton Armory, Grafton City Hall, and Odalen church. All permissions have been obtained, but not sure if all have been updated on geocaching.com. Members were encouraged to consider additional geocache sites. Potential new sites were mentioned: Garfield Cemetery, Pioneer dam, Dahlen Eskers, Sauter School.

Member Ed: October 19 is the first day of the Walsh County Fair. Members were encouraged to visit/man the commercial booth. Updates from the last CLG conference were postponed until the next meeting. Individual online training remains available.

Oral History Project: We reviewed the recap and discussed potential interviews and members will continue to work on this. Recap to date is attached. List of potential interviewees was considered.



Website: the website project continues to progress and is closer to completion. Some information is needed from WCHS prior to the final “reveal.” Julie Campbell is the treasurer of that group and is working on those details. There are just a few details left, one of the main ones is who will maintain the site. WCHS will be meeting soon to hopefully get that resolved.

2022-23 Grant

Membership: Graham Smith was contacted and expressed interest in assisting, but declined to become a member citing his plans to retire and move out of state soon. Members are encouraged to consider new members.

Strategic planning: Strategic planning sessions did not occur due to scheduling conflicts and COVID. Members completed online surveys and Katie Thompson has the information. As she is busy with the Walsh County Fair, we will wait to get her findings until the next meeting.

Other projects continue as outlined in the 2021-22 grant information.

Unfinished business:

Pioneer Dam: - no report – will continue to consider it as a geocache site.

St. Catherine’s: no report.

Sauter School: no report. Will consider getting oral histories from folks as we work with the residents to gather more history on the school.

New business

CLG conference: Aggie participated in the online meeting to present our activities. No other members present at the meeting attended the live event. Will table this until the next meeting.

North Trinity: Aggie was contacted by a citizen who indicated that there was a possibility that members wanted to tear down the church due to the condition of the roof. Sarah and Aggie will contact board members to offer assistance to locate potential grant funding sources. Partners for Sacred Places and the Nordic Church project were mentioned.



Terracon: Tracy received a letter from Terracon regarding a potential communications tower in the county. The letter indicated that WCHPC had been informed of this potential tower in 2014, but no memory of the communication was found. After reviewing the location, a consensus was reached to make no comment as the area did not affect any known historical sites.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18th at 7 pm in person. Location TBD

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator