



Walsh County Historic Preservation Commission held a meeting on 7-19-2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the office of LS Law Office, 104 4th St W, Park River, ND. 58270 (as the original location was not open as previously arranged)

Attending: Dick Geiger, Denise Bata, Gary Seboe, Bergit Sobak, Agatha Frisby, Dennis Markusen, Tracy Laaveg, coordinator. guest
Absent: Shannon Brazil, Sarah Johnston

Chair Frisby called the meeting to order at 7:00.

The minutes from the 7-19-23 regular meeting and 9-13-23 special meeting were approved as written. Financial report was reviewed and approved. There is currently \$291.13 in the checkbook.

2022-23 Grant – balances remaining to be claimed:

Admin	\$1425.52
Brochure	\$1500.00
Community Ed	\$475.52
Geocaching	\$847.51
Oral History	\$310.30
Website	\$195.00
Total	\$4753.85

2023-24 Grant – balanced remaining to be claimed:

Admin	\$2800.00
Brochure	\$125.00
Community Ed	\$1075.00
Geocaching	\$2012.50
Oral History	\$1175.00
Strategic Planning	\$475.00
Website	\$895.00
Total	\$8557.50

Projects:

Administration:

- Nothing to report – work continues.
- We discussed the history person nomination. As the deadline to submit the application had passed, we will consider persons for next year’s award. Jon McMillan’s name was mentioned.



Brochures: inventory is good. Will likely need to re-reprint when new geocaches are added.

Geocaching: Chad Thorvilson continues to maintain and service the existing Caches. 3 new permission sites were provided at the meeting.

Member Ed:

- Walsh county Fair – sign up sheet was circulated.
- Sauter school – plans are to demolish the school as the grounds are being sold. Tracy continues to work on collecting information and interviews.
- St Catherine’s Lomice – no report -
- Arts across the prairie – planning is in full swing.

Oral History Project: interviews are still being sought. Dennis and Dick have individuals identified. Tracy also has another interview scheduled.

Website: no report

Strategic planning:

- Ordinance review – no report
- Exposure/Marketing – Shannon has started working on banner and marketing ideas, but was not present to give a report.
- Geocaching – no report – permission forms were given to members for distribution to possible new sites.

New business: McMillan Artifact Collection grant application was submitted. Plans are in the works to begin construction of the building as soon as possible but grant applications are pending.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm at location to be determined.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Laaveg, Coordinator