

MEETING MINUTES April 21, 2016

DODGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 6:31 pm by Vice president Scott French

PLACE: DCHS museum in Mantorville

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Coy@ 6:36, Scott, Linda, Barb, Diane, Phil, Dave, and Greg. ABSENT: Mary Ann

GUESTS: Warren Schwenke and Steve Gray

AGENDA: ADDITIONS 1. Past Perfect 2. Court room chairs, 3. Basement 4. TV display unit 5. Summer help 6. Lawn mowing

SECRETARY'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CHANGES: approved with the change/ addition of motion maker of bill payment.

MOTION Barb AND SECOND by Diane :NAYS-none

TREASURER'S REPORT: ADDITIONS/CHANGES/BILLS: Linda stated that the cd from Equity is no longer and check has been received. The Home Federal account has been closed out. Inventory will take more time to get figured out. It seems to keep coming back after deletion. Instead of buying computer backup from Carbonite, we have contracted with On-Site Computers to go with iDirect, which will cost \$99.50 yearly with one annual payment. Bills approved as presented including the new bill from On-Site.

MOTION: Dave AND SECOND Diane: NAYS-none

CORRESPONDANCE:

- 1- Letter from MRA thanking for the gift basket at the Mulligan Stew

COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

Steve stated that Parks and Trails is putting together a Memorial Service at the Wasioja Seminary on Memorial Day at 11:00 am, and the Legion is having their presentation prior at Wildwood Cemetery.

Steve said they are planning on resurfacing the parking lot at Fairview Nursing Home in Dodge Center. The City of Kasson and Dodge County are working together on repairs and renovations on the Four Seasons Arena, and have received a \$100,000.00 Mighty Ducks grant to fund it. There has been a lot of discussion of the proposed Zip Rail, and that they want to run it north between Highway 52 and Highway 56 and could impact our county.

He also spoke of the Watershed District and its progression. The Governor has given empowerment

to BWSR (Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources) to now direct it, rather than just advise. He stated that the cellar door repair is still up in the air, and that the museum roof will have to be written to try and receive approval for 2017 budget. He also stated that having 5-10% seed money may help move things

Steering Committee-SC had work day on April 16- had eleven workers and got the basement cleaned out and moved to the Red House and to the Wasioja School. We also got 95% of the ceiling tiles removed from the basement, hauled to the landfill, and swept up. It was an amazing group that got a lot accomplished. Thanks to: Warren and Riley Schwenke, Scott and Ryan French, Barb Gilliland, Linda Jerviss, Phil Haukom, Coy Borgstrom, Mary Ann Bucher, Anton and Greg Nelson

K-M 1st graders coming at 10:30 am on May 24- Mary Ann is meeting with teacher on May 4 at 10:30 am (*the Volunteers mab*)

Expo- no report, Need Thank You sent out to Jason and Tammy French for the

Grants- Linda reported that the Recruiting Station is moving along but slowed by red tape. We had no written contract for the conditions assessment report.

OLD BUSINESS:

TOPIC: Collection- new artifacts **DISCUSSION:** Moved to accept these at this time. However in the future the accessions and deaccessions will be approved by the Board prior to computer entry or deletion and the real object will be available for viewing. We will revisit this at next month's meeting to readdress the protocol set forth by an earlier vote.

MOTION: Barb & **SECOND** by Phil

NAYS: None

TOPIC: Credit card

DISCUSSION: still working on

MOTION SECOND

TOPIC: Cellar door
addressing alternate plans.

DISCUSSION: We will wait 1 month more for the county before

TOPIC: Carbonite

DISCUSSION: After no response, we abandoned the Carbonite plan and went with the iDirect program thru On- Site Computers

TOPIC: Code of Ethics

DISCUSSION: Tabled- Mary Ann absent

TOPIC: Summer School

DISCUSSION: What are costs?

TOPIC: Ghost town tour

DISCUSSION: Barb has transportation lined up and was told to go forward on planning for early October.

TOPIC: Past Perfect

DISCUSSION: Ryan who does the Past Perfect for Olmsted County Historical can come and evaluate and tutor us on our Past Perfect as well as explain the new programs that HCOC is looking at. Pat Carlson, director at HCOC, stated that he could come as part of

his position with them, if we would pay his mileage. Motion to have him come at his convenience and to pay \$.54 per mile both ways from Mankato. Linda will contact him.

MOTION: Scott and **SECOND** by Barb

NAYS: None

TOPIC: Court room Chairs **DISCUSSION:** Shannon Thompson stated that there are some old chairs from the Court House that have been moved into her area in the new Government Center. They may be the ones that we have been seeking. Linda and Greg will make contact with her.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOPIC: Ceiling tiles **DISCUSSION:** Linda brought in several samples, and the pvc ones were chosen for ease of installation and in the event of repairs.

MOTION: none as this was approved previously

TOPIC: Basement floor **DISCUSSION:** Coy contacted PolyTek to see if they had any room to lower their price. They did not call back, so he will try them again tomorrow. **MOTION:** none as this was approved previously

TOPIC: Book signing **DISCUSSION:** No one knows what this was.

TOPIC: Spring tour **DISCUSSION:** dropped for lack of interest

TOPIC: museum roof **DISCUSSION:** Warren stated that someone from Merit roofing came out and gave an informal estimate of \$100,000.00 to replace roof on museum. Steve Gray had previously stated that it needs a proposal to add it in the 2017 budget, and that the DCHS having 5-10% of the costs as seed money would help our chances.

MOTION: and **SECOND** by

NAYS: None

TOPIC: stumps **DISCUSSION:** There is a bid of \$1900.00 to get rid of the stumps and lilacs on our south and east sides. No bid was presented. One of the stumps may not be able to come out. We will table this until we find out what the state and other entities will be doing with their projects. Trees were cut down by the Dodge County Highway Department.

MOTION: none- tabled

TOPIC :Fair **DISCUSSION:** We are on the agenda for next Monday evening's Dodge County fair board meeting to discuss the proposed handicapped ramp and/or railings for the log cabin. Motion to clean, etch, and paint log cabin floor by our volunteers.

MOTION: Greg and **SECOND** by Diane

NAYS: None

TOPIC :TV display monitor **DISCUSSION:** .Linda has found some old TV cabinets to make our retro tv display. Motion to cover costs up to \$500.00 for its construction

MOTION: Barb and **SECOND** by Phil

NAYS: None

TOPIC : Summer help **DISCUSSION:** Motion to have Christina Grev as an intern two days a week working on Past Perfect and at the directive of the board of directors.

MOTION: Coy and **SECOND** by Barb

NAYS: None

TOPIC : Lawn Mowing **DISCUSSION:** Ryan French was awarded the mowing contract at last month's meeting on the basis of last year's prices. Coy contacted him and Ryan stated that he needed to have his first ever price increase, so Coy called out for 3 bids on the mowing. Only 2 returned their bids, and Ryan was again awarded the contract with each property receiving a \$10.00 per mowing price increase.

MOTION: Diane and **SECOND** by Coy

NAYS: None- Scott did not vote.

TOPIC : Bow and arrow **DISCUSSION:** Linda was in contact with Leah Bowe at the Minnesota Historical Society who stated that the bow and arrow we have is not as old as we had thought. It is more likely from the early 20th century. As the country expanded, some people had elders from tribes who knew how to make the bow and arrows fashion them as authentic but newer artifacts.

TOPIC : Adjournment **DISCUSSION:** Meeting over

MOTION: Phil and **SECOND** by Dave

NAYS: None