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**BENTON COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 16, 2020**

**The meeting was held remotely. Members called into a central number.**

**A. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm. In attendance were Larry Landis, Chair, and Cody Hull, Doug Eaton, Nancy Taniguchi, Scott McClure, and Tanya Freeman. Patti Thrall was excused.

Inga Williams, Associate Planner, provided staff support for the meeting was the Recorder.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Comm. Hull to approve the minutes from February 13, 2020, without changes; seconded by Comm. Freeman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**C. Continuing Discussion of Historic Preservation Month**

Discussion revolved around the COVID-19 virus and how that could affect Historic Preservation Month. Some of the members asked if the County Commissioners had given staff any direction on whether to continue with or not continue with activities. Staff responded that this direction had not been given. Currently the directions given by the state would be followed and that contact with the public should be limited.

It was agreed by the members that the mobile tour of Bellfountain, including Hull-Oakes, the cemetery, school, church and park, would be saved for 2021 Preservation Month. Comm. Freeman said that we should include the house across from the cemetery as well.

It was decided that all other tours could be limited to 10 people by requiring attendees to sign up using Eventbrite.

Some other events that were brought up as suggestions was a tour of the Roller Derby and Mountain View Grange.

Some suggestions for themes was discussed. They included, "Preserve and Persevere", "Historic Preservation is Contagious", and "Spread the Power of Preservation." No theme was chosen. It was agreed that we would hold another remote meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> with members of Corvallis HRC and PreservationWORKS to reassess the month's activities.

**D. Discussion on the Contractors List**

Comm. McClure indicated that there were some contractors on the list that should be removed and some that should be included. Staff made corrections to the list.

Some commissioners wondered how the list was going to be used and how often it would be updated. Staff replied that the list would be made public and definitely be used by county staff to inform contractors of available work. It was anticipated to be updated yearly. A caveat would be added to the list identifying the draft date, stating that it would only be updated once a year and stating that,

“Benton County does not recommend nor endorse any of these organizations, and offers them only as a potential resource.”

Ms. Williams indicated that she would continue working on the draft and send it out again for review before finalizing.

**E. Items from the Public**

None

**F. Items from the Commissioners**

Larry gave an update on the Oregon Heritage Conference. The conference was cancelled by the State and would take place in Corvallis in 2022.

**G. Other Business**

None

**H. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.