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**BENTON COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 8, 2019**

7:00 pm, Avery Building, 360 SW Avery Ave, Corvallis, OR

**A. Call to Order and Introductions.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. In attendance were Larry Landis – Chair, Cody Hull, Doug Eaton, Tanya Freeman, and Nancy Taniguchi. Members Scott McClure and Patti Thrall were excused.

Inga Williams, Associate Planner, provided staff support for the meeting and was the Staff Recorder. Chris Bentley, former county planner and current consultant, was also present by phone to provide support.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of March 11 meeting were approved as presented. Nancy Taniguchi moved approval with Tanya Freeman seconding.

**C. Continuation of Historic Preservation Subgrant discussion**

Ms. Williams and Chris Bentley relayed the substance of their discussion with Laurie Starha, Benton County Natural Areas and Parks Director, regarding the Palestine Church. The department has a rough estimate of costs for repair in the range of 220,000 dollars. Also discussion with the City of Adair have occurred regarding a possible transfer of ownership to Adair so that development funds can be used to repair the church. No definitive plans have been settled on yet.

The commission agreed to move ahead with the subgrant in anticipation of this year’s grant cycle opening again in December, with the Palestine Church as the focus of the grant.

**D. CLG Grant discussion (added to the agenda)**

There is approximately 9,000 dollars in unexpended grant funds that need to be spent prior to the end of August. Some recent possible projects have surfaced that are candidates for the funds. Ms. Williams relayed list of possible projects to the commission members: Plunkett House assessment, Independent School handicap ramp, old Alsea mercantile (John Clark), and preservation month expenditures. Tanya Freeman mentioned the James Watson house and if Janice Hatfield could be contacted since an assessment might help with her renovation of the house. Ms. Williams agreed to contact her.

**E. Discussion of Historic Preservation Month, May 2019.**

- Ms. Williams updated the board members on Gingles Cemetery cleanup. The computer mouse wasn't working so the pictures of the cemetery would be emailed. Parking is available close to the cemetery next to the property owner's barns. A port-a-potty is being rented and the Parks Department will loan tools for cleanup.
- The award ceremony was discussed.
  - Chair Landis went through each of the proposed award recipients: Rick and Heidi Pyburn for Gingles Cemetery, Finley Refuge for the Cabell Barn renovation, OPB for the Oregon black history documentary, and Wallsinger/Gustafson/ Courthouse Preservation Committee for the courthouse doors. Chair Landis presented a written nomination for the OPB award, which will be a shared award with the City and Preservation Works. The board members all agreed with the award recipient list. Chair Landis will contact Kami Horton and OPB regarding their award, and Ms. Williams will contact all of the rest. The board wishes to cover lodging for whomever attends for the OPB award. Ms. Williams agreed to contact Kuri with the question (subsequent note: answer is yes)
  - Cody Hull agreed to conduct a tour of the Bellfountain School prior to the award ceremony so that will be added to the schedule.
  - The board agreed that a shuttle from Avery was a good idea. Folks will be asked to assemble by 5:15 and the bus will leave at 5:30.
  - Ms. Williams informed the board that Joe Blakely has been confirmed as the key note speaker.
  - Food for the ceremony was discussed and it was agreed that it isn't a problem. The county will chip in some money and the city also usually chips in. Other people bring items. Drinks, other than coffee and tea which would be brought from the county office, should be coordinated.
- Mr. Eaton gave updates on some of the events for the month. Chair Landis says he still needs to coordinate the transmitter tour and the black history tour.
- When to advertise was discussed. It was agreed that the advertisement would go in the paper the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of May.
- Who would read the Historic Month proclamation, which would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on April 16 was discussed. Chair Landis has another obligation and can't attend. He will ask Vice Chair McClure if he wishes to attend. If Mr. McClure declines, Mr. Hull has agreed to attend.
- Ms. Williams asked what kind of pictorial representation the board wanted to see on the poster for the new theme "Explore Powerful Places, Powerful Stories." The board agreed a collage would be nice with Mount Union Cemetery (Ruben Shipley), the transmitter building and an Atomic Ranch home, and perhaps some others.

**F. Items from the Public**

No public was present.

**G. Items from the Commissioners and Staff**

No items from the commissioners or staff

**H. Other Business – None**

**I. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.**