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**Johnson County Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Room 202A, Johnson County Health and Human Services (HHS) Building**

855 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA

5:00 p.m. Monday, February 10, 2020

Members present: Chairperson Jennifer Price, John Christenson, Jennifer deSilva Noser, Brady Dorman, , Mitch Thompson, Richard Van Rheedan, and Donna Brooks, Johnson County Grants Coordinator

Members absent: Joshua Stringer, Anne-Marie Taylor, Weijing Wu

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: None – no official minutes from December 2019 meeting.
2. New member introduction: Richard Van Rheedan.
3. Update: Johnson County Poor Farm, Donna Price
 - a. Donna met with Leah and got all the research she had gathered for Poor Farm interpretive signs (Silos and Smokestacks grant). Going to move forward with an exhibition/interpretive signage firm out of Quad Cities to craft the information for signs. She will send out research PDF to HPC for any feedback or other vendor recommendations.
 - b. Poor Farm Wellness Trail public open house this week.
 - c. Iowa Barn Foundation award for West Barn renovation.
4. Discussion of Paula Mohr's Tips for HPC Members: Donna had emailed out. Digital records for county will be shared with members via Google Drive.
5. Preservation Awards (May 2020): talked about West Barn, Stone Academy for possible award from JCHPC. Richard suggested looking at the DanceMor Ballroom in Swisher. Awards ceremony on May 7, 2020 at 5pm, location TBD.
6. Ideas for Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) Grant that is due May 1 – could be used to pay for a survey or preparation of Register application, or preservation work if there was a project in mind. It was unclear if we would be able to receive any grant the same year if Johnson County also applies for a separate arts grant.
7. Other Business: Jennifer is preparing the annual report.
 - a. Jennifer deSilva Noser mentioned Iowa National History Day is March 14, and may be openings for guest judges.

