

## Iowa Lincoln Highway Association Meeting Agenda

July 11 2020 via Zoom

9:30 AM

### **Officers and Consuls in Attendance:**

President: Mary Preston

Treasurer: Joyce Ausberger

Secretary: Jan Gammon

Benton: Mike Kelly

Marshall: Harlan Quick

Greene: Bob and Joyce Ausberger

Carroll: Barbara Hackfort

Harrison: Kathy Dirks

Pottawattamie: Eddy Hedegaard

**Others in Attendance:** Garry Hevalow, Brad Boustad, Sandii Huemann-Kelly, Marcia Quick, Janet Hedegaard, Wendi Winkie, Dusti Winkie, Mark Hoffman, Joel Windmiller, Gene Rabel, and Kay Rabel.

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM. The people on the call introduced themselves and President Mary Preston welcomed all to our first Zoom call.

### **Board reports**

Secretary's Report: Jan Gammon had sent out the minutes from the October meeting prior to the call. Joyce moved to approve the minutes. Garry Hevalow seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Joyce Ausberger said the checking account has a balance of \$1,827.70 and the investment account balance is \$5,797.04. We received \$378 from national dues and in February \$1,082.89 from the Jeff Benson Endowment. Memberships are down from last year, but 13 did renew. We are offering paying 3 years at a time, so this count doesn't accurately reflect all current members. Dean Parr has the final membership numbers.

Membership Report- Dean Parr was not on the call, but sent in a report that we have 24 Comp, 79 Iowa, 15 Life, 138 National Members for a total of 256. This is after he removed the Merchant Members and converted them to Iowa members. He then mailed them a \$10 renewal and had 3-4 emails asking to be removed from our list. No one renewed. He removed all Iowa members that did not renew in 2019 as well as 2020, so we are down 28 from the previous count (6 Iowa and 22 Merchant Members.)

State Director Report- Dean reports that national conference calls held were nearly all to do with the cancellation of the conference. The planned conferences are in same order, just pushed out a year. 2021: Joliet, Illinois; 2022: near Sacramento, CA; and 2023: TBD, Nebraska.

The National Headquarters has been repainted and cleaned up. It was to open with limited hours.

### **Old Business**

Open Officer (VP) and Consul (Crawford) Positions: Joyce Ausberger suggested Garry Hevalow be the VP and Mary Preston will take that under advisement. No further discussion.

### **New Business:**

Lost contact with Pottawattamie Consul: Hedegaard's had some issues with their email, but it has been resolved and they continue to be active as Consuls.

Youngville/Benton County: Mike Kelly reported that Youngville had the roof replaced at the end of 2019. Mike found architectural shingles similar to original. They are almost 3 times heavier, will last a long time, and look great. Original quote was for \$9,000, but chimney removed and final cost was near \$11,000 all paid for from the treasury. They were hoping to add to the coffers this season, but COVID-19 and road construction impacted them and they did not open, but

looking forward to next year. Road just now opened. Last fall had a grant to work on oil room floor. Tom Richards, from Nevada, cut out a section of the concrete floor where it had buckled and he repaired it. He rehung the door the Amish had made many, many years ago so the oil room is ready to house exhibits. Not decided just how to do this yet. Mike would like to see the garage in the back straightened and used. Youngville Highway History Association is looking for any grants they can get to help with operations. Travel Iowa and Iowa Economic Development Authority were suggested by Mary Preston and Kathy Dirks as places to look for funds.

Montour Gas Station Report: Jan Gammon had a phone call from the Montour City Clerk and the Public Works person who said the City is considering purchasing the gas station from the Kupka family. They would need access inside to test water. Is the ILHA still interested in restoring the building? Jan said, "Yes", between the ILHA and the Byway we would like to restore the property. Not sure if the sale has happened.

## **County Consul Reports**

Clinton- Cathie Nichols was not on the call but Joe Goodlove mentioned in his Cedar report that Wapsi Willy (Bill Miller) died and transferred his property to a friend. The property is on the south side of the middle bridge near where the ILHA has discussed putting in a trail, interpretation, etc. Jan Gammon looked on the Clinton County Accessor site and it now belongs to Anthony Oldsen and Scott Paulson. Paulson operates a business "Wapsi Welding and Repair" from the address. The business has a FaceBook page and Paulson posted that his good friend Wapsi Willy passed away on 12/5/2018. The transfer of property was dated 2/20/2019.

Cedar-Joe Goodlove sent in a report that Cedar County is still having community garage sales, with no virus protection.

Linn- Rex Martin sent a message to Mary Preston that he had nothing to report and was traveling today.

Benton- Mike Kelly already gave his report. Mary added that the RFP on the Herring Hotel is due to the City of Belle Plaine by August 5. So far, she doesn't think anyone has submitted a restoration proposal.

Tama- Allan Richards - no report. Jan Gammon did mention that the City of Tama's bridge qualified in this year's DOT infrastructure program. The DOT will pay for 80% of the cost and the City 20%. Funds had already been collected for this project. The engineer that had been on the project left his position and a new engineer has taken over. As far as Jan knows, work has not begun.

May Preston added that King Tower Café is doing some interior work and their outside sign is being refurbished. Jan said she heard the sign was being repainted, but the neon not restored.

Marshall- Harlan Quick reported that the Rose Festival was cancelled this year, but they are working to include some of their activities with a car show to be held Sept 19-20. Tonight there will be a Cruise and Concert that will take people from State Center to Colo, Zearing, St Anthony, and back to State Center for an 8:00PM Cody Hicks concert in the Rose Garden.

The county fair will be modified. Marshalltown is still recovering from the tornado. The Orpheum Theater will be used for court. State Center Main Street received a Challenge Grant and will continue restoring buildings. Harlan is painting the depot and the one-room schoolhouse is also getting painted. Dr. Kauffman's Trust gives 5% of its income to help fund development in State Center. He was an original consul for the city of State Center.

Harlan suggested 4 locations in State Center for interpretive panels 1. Depot 2. Restored Home Oil Station 3. Former LH tourist park (now a city park across from High School, and 4. Downtown.

Mike Kelly asked about concrete markers in State Center and Harlan said there will be 4 (by schoolhouse, Rose Garden, private residence by the ballfield, and Mr. Hartwig who purchased one and will install outside his business.)

Story- Carroll Stokesbary was not on the call. Jan Gammon said that Nevada is redoing their main street which intersects with the LH. They will be going into the next block, so traffic might be diverted for a block soon. Nilands Café in Colo is open, doing call-ins, limited seating, and encouraging using picnic benches outside. Farmers market is there weekly and occasionally they do car roll-ins. Last one included tractors.

Boone- John Fitzsimmons- no report

Greene- Joyce Ausberger reported that Roger Aegerter, former art teacher and current director of the Green County Historical Society, has painted a to-scale Lincoln Highway on a block-long sidewalk section in Jefferson. Photos should be in the next Forum and we can put in our next newsletter as well.

Grand Junction had visitors from Colorado that were comprised of triplets that will be seniors in high school and their mom. The students had created a skit about the Lincoln Highway and competed locally, regionally, and nationally and won their way to the top. They were very knowledgeable about the Lincoln Highway and had stopped at Preston's Station where Garry gave them a tour. They were to stop at the Harrison County Welcome Center as well.

Quirks Cabin area is getting mowed and they have someone living there now. He helps pull weeds at the Grand Junction LH garden.

Bob has also been clearing brush from the McGregor Motel area near the top of Danger Hill. Work will continue this fall. The Greene County Fair ends today. Fair was just 4-H and FFA projects with families attending the judging. Fireworks was done last night.

Carroll- Barb Hackfort reported their county fair was also just 4-H and FFA. The viaduct on west Hwy 30 is being repaired a lane at a time, so traffic isn't impeded too much. The restaurant, Barratta's, in the Santa Maria Winery building has moved out and into the Carrollton Inn that had closed. Winery will continue in the building on the Lincoln Highway.

Crawford- no report

Harrison- Kathy Dirks said the Welcome Center is hosting farmer's markets on Thursdays. Their county fair was also only 4-H and FFA judging. Applefest has been cancelled. Wisecup Farms is closed this year. DeSoto Bend Visitor Center has been closed. Lavender Farm is open 3 days a week.

The Welcome Center just opened this past Monday 10-4, so they can spend 1-1 ½ hours cleaning. They were tight on space to keep workers 6 ft. apart, so the auditorium has been converted to office space. They've had visitors from 13 states so far this week, but majority from Iowa and Nebraska. The LH interpretive panel is being redone and is being reviewed for edits. Some road resurfacing near Logan is being done. Missouri Valley is working on their 5-year plan. Talking about the road change to go around town, the Army Corp of Engineers and DOT are working with the City as it will be 14 ft. higher to deal with flooding and will offer limited entrance and exit points.

Pottawattamie- Eddy Hedegaard said that Don Willert, Crescent, passed away. Both he and wife, Millie, are both gone now. Don was an original LH Consul for Pottawattamie County. He had a shop along the LH with a great collection of autos and memorabilia. He had an auction which Eddie went to, but he did not see the LH concrete marker there for sale. Eddie will see if it is still installed next time he goes through that area.

Eddy would hopes that we can do a driving tour sometime in the future and he'd like to help organize that.

### **Committee and Project Reports (if not in County Reports)**

Wapsi Bridge Trail Report- Cathie (done previously)

Preston Station Update- Mary and Garry met with the State of Iowa regarding the National Register of Historic Places application that Jennifer Price prepared. The Benton County Historical Preservation Commission reviewed the application via a Zoom call earlier and passed it along to the state. The state is now passing to the National review team.

As with most attractions, the station has not been open. There is no good way to social distance inside, but tours are given outside and a number of people have stopped.

Tama Bridge Update- Jan/Alan (done previously)

Reed-Niland Update (done previously)

Quirks Cabins- Bob/Joyce (done previously)

Prairie Rivers of Iowa- CMP: Jan Gammon reported that the Iowa section of the Lincoln Highway applied to be a National Scenic Byway. Legislation passed allowing for new nominations this year. Nebraska applied and Ohio may have applied as well. Illinois is the only section that is currently a National Scenic Byway. Announcements to be made this fall. Bob and Joyce were disappointed that the Greene County section of the Lincoln Highway that is on the National Register of Historic Places was not one of the 8 locations featured in the application (1. Sawmill Museum/Lyons-Fulton Bridge and Mississippi River 2. Youngville 3. Preston's Station 4. Tama LH Bridge 5. Reed-Niland Corner 6. Depot in Carroll 7. Woodbine brick LH section and 8. Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center). Jan said it was hard to find a good mix of attractions, with hours of operation, with latitude and longitude points, and either docents or interpretation for the visitor.

A video project about breweries, wineries, and distilleries with the University of Iowa is underway. A grad student will work on 2 two-minute videos, one for the Clinton area and one for the Cedar Rapids area.

An application to be an American Society of Civil Engineers Historic Landmark was submitted to the Iowa chapter 2 years ago and edits made. They have had the re-write for about a year. The application is being finalized and it will be submitted soon. The national review team will take about a year to review.

The Iowa Byways are partnering with Travel Iowa and a company called Bandwango on a passport-type program. They are currently doing a similar program with Iowa State Parks. An app would be downloaded on your phone and GPS will know if you are within the area when you register you are at a preferred location. After you get "x" number of locations you will get a small prize. Discussions are on-going as to how to do a larger prize- all Byways together or separately. Program should roll out in September.

Big news is that after receiving many "no's" from County Community Foundation grants for interpretive panels, the Byway received a \$10,000 grant from the Union Pacific (half of what was requested). Locations are: Woodbine (brick street), Yellow Smoke Park (bowstring bridge), Arcadia (M and M Divide), Eureka Bridge Access (Eureka Bridge), Marshalltown (Courthouse), Preston's (George and family), and the Lyons District of Clinton. All will be the 2' x 3' panels on a weathered steel base except for Clinton's will be four 3' x 3' panels (2 back to back) on wood supports. Local groups are asked to contribute \$1,000 per panel. Woodbine has theirs in hand and as these minutes are being typed, the Byway learned that Preston's/Belle Plaine does as well. We are waiting to hear on two additional grants yet for this project.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa – Jan Gammon asks that you keep sending in information for the LHA website, Face Book page, and newsletter.

Other

Kathy Dirks mentioned that Bandwango and Travel Iowa are also doing a gift card and entrance tickets sales program called "Dream Now, Visit Later." The Welcome Center is doing gift cards in their shop, since there is no entrance fee. The State of Iowa is picking up all the fees for this program, so it is free for any attraction to participate (as long as they are registered on the Travel Iowa website). Jan or Kathy can help walk you through how to get set up on the website.

Joyce said Jefferson is looking to repaint a LH mural on the backside of the J.C. Penney store. Does anyone have a photo of the mural in Canton, OH? She likes the 3D look of that one.

Barbara Hackfort confirmed that J.C. Penney is closing in downtown Carroll. It was an anchor store for many years and will be missed.

Mary Preston has joined the new LHA Marketing committee and will take any suggestions to that group.

Dusti and Wendi Winkie said the Winkie Foundation has had to cancel many of their events, but are looking forward to next year.

Joyce Ausberger said City of Grand Junction was excited to get a letter from the Byway about the application for National Scenic Byway designation. Jan had sent a letter to all 43 communities.

Mark Hoffman (CA LHA) said he was very interested how the people on the call represented attractions and locations where the California group is just fans of the Lincoln Highway. He runs a travel business and sees people traveling, but staying closer to home on day trips.

Joel Windmiller (CA LHA) said California has 5 alignments, two going over the Sierra Nevadas. They are having a Zoom call today at 1:00 Pacific Time.

Jan had a note from Gene Rabel, LHA member from Lindstrom, MN, who is taking photos of all the concrete markers. He has sent the Iowa photos to Lyell Henry to share with Van Becker, our Iowa expert on concrete markers. Gene is working on all the states and has taken 375 photos across the nation. He has sent out all except CA and NV, but hopes to complete it on his next trip on the LH. (After this call it was learned that Gene and wife, Kay, were listening in on the call but unable to "chime" in.)

Harlan Quick added that Watson's Museum is open by appointment only this summer.

Adjournment: Jan Gammon made a motion to adjourn and Garry Hevalow seconded. Motion carried and Mary Preston adjourned the meeting at 11:04 AM.

Next Meetings: October 10, 2020- Carroll or via ZOOM  
January 9, 2021- Location TBD or via ZOOM

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State Director: Dean Parr  
Linn County: Rex Martin  
Benton: Mike Kelly  
Tama: Allan Richards  
Marshall: Harlan Quick  
Greene: Joyce Ausberger, Dale Higgins  
Carroll: Barbara Hackfort  
Harrison: Kathy Dirks

**Others in Attendance:** Bob Ausberger, Garry Hevalow, Wendi Winkie, and Dusti Winkie

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. The people on the call introduced themselves and President Mary Preston welcomed all to our second Zoom call.

**Board reports**

Secretary's Report: Jan Gammon sent out the minutes from the July meeting prior to the call. Joyce moved to approve the minutes. Garry Hevalow seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Joyce Ausberger said the checking account has a balance of \$1,121.22 and the investment account is \$5,797.19. We received \$207 from national dues and in February we should receive funds from the Jeff Benson Endowment. Memberships are down from last year. Our expense this quarter was to Prairie Rivers of Iowa for social media, newsletter, and website work. We have one new member this quarter and 4 others be joining in the next quarter.

Membership Report- Dean Parr reported we have 24 Comp, 58 Iowa, 15 Life, 137 National Members for a total of 234. This is after he removed the Merchant Members and all those not renewing for the past two years. That makes membership down 22 from his last report. Dean will send out the list of those he dropped and Consuls in each county may contact them directly for renewals.

State Director Report- Dean reports not much going on. Conference schedules are- 2021: Joliet, Illinois; 2022: near Sacramento, CA; and 2023: TBD, Nebraska. Kay Shelton, President, did email out about the election. Everyone was running all un-opposed, so all re-elected, including Dean Parr as Iowa's State Director. They will have another board meeting before the end of October. Dean noted he has talked to Van Becker and he was without power for quite a while after the derecho. Van is using a new email, the one Bev, his wife, usually uses.

**Old Business**

Open Officer (VP) and Consul (Crawford) Positions: Joyce Ausberger suggested Dale Higgins be the new VP and he accepted. He has also agreed to be the new Greene County Consul with Joyce Ausberger. Joyce moved that we accept Dale Higgins as the new Vice-President and Jan seconded. Motion carried. No name was suggested for Crawford County. Dale is an auctioneer and is working on an on-line auction for the Bob Owens estate. There will be a lot of Lincoln Highway memorabilia. Go to [dalehigginsauction.com](http://dalehigginsauction.com) for the sale listing. Barbara Hackfort says she has a photo of Bob receiving ownership of a Boy Scout Marker in his front yard and she would like to get a photo of the person who bought the marker and is moving it down the street.

## County Consul Reports

Clinton- Cathie Nichols was not on the call but she did send in a message that she had been in a car accident in Davenport in August after the derecho. She totaled the 1964 Galaxie. She spent 2 days in the hospital with a broken elbow. Norm had broken ribs. She is home but is constantly nauseated and has lost 90 lbs. since surgery. She says the Wapsi bridge project is on hold as no meetings have happened because of COVID-19. She misses us all.

Cedar- Joe Goodlove was not on the call but sent in a report that nothing much is going on in Cedar County. There is a new mural in Lowden on a fuel tank. Locals are torn between liking and disliking it. The derecho not only damaged, squashed, or blew away a large portion of silos, wiped out cornfields (surprisingly beans not as bad), destroyed many trees, and many houses lost shingles. Sadly, the 100+ year old brick house next to the LH between Lisbon and Mechanicsville lost most of its roof and second story. There was another serious accident where the old and new 30 merge east of Lisbon. Joe says it seems like the original LH isn't going under without a fight.

Linn- Rex Martin said there is a new concrete marker at the Squaw Creek kiosk. He is not sure who installed it or where it came from. He did send a pic to Jan and Dean. It should be in the next *Forum*. (Dean also sent the *Forum* pics of derecho damages from Youngville, Tama Bridge, and Belle Plaine grain bin.) Rex said many of the kiosks in Linn County were already being evaluated for repairs and were 3 were further damaged in the derecho. The Linn Co Preservation Commission had contacted Rex to see how the ILHA could help with kiosk repairs. We aren't really able to help financially, so it was suggested that Rex contact Boy Scouts to see if an Eagle Scout project could be done as they fundraise for their own projects. Dean said Boy Scouts had contacted ILHA a few years ago looking to help in some ways. The marker at Johnson Ave should be installed soon as it was removed for road construction.

Benton- Mike Kelly said the derecho caused the new kiosk at Youngville to be damaged. The garage flew up and over the kiosk and is lying in a heap. Fortunately, there was insurance on the garage. One of the panels on the kiosk is missing. He might also look into help from the Boy Scouts for repair help. They haven't had a meeting since the storm. The cafe had some of its shingles damaged. The new roof had just been put on at the end of 2019. Youngville had just applied for and received a grant from the state for \$11,000 before the storm hit due to the COVID-19 closure. The Benton Co Preservation group is hoping to apply for emergency derecho funds for Youngville. Mike did discover some mold inside as rain did not come through the roof, but with straight line winds, he thinks it was driven in through a vent. The good news for Youngville is the overpass is done and the new entrance off Highway 218 will be a bit safer for those wanting to come to Youngville when they open next spring/summer.

Tama- Allan Richards reports the Tama Lincoln Highway Bridge Park has lost a lot of trees. Some should have probably come out anyway. A 1919 canopy gas station in Tama is coming down. Allan wishes it could be moved. Jimmy at the King Tower closed for good because of the derecho and COVID-19. Allan heard that Iowa Beef might buy it, demolish it, and build something new. The 4-lane east of Tama is almost complete.

Marshall- Harlan Quick said State Center held a "mini" Rose Festival this year. They did crown a queen and had a mini parade, but most of the activities were cancelled due to COVID-19. Ryan's Collision on the north side of Main Street has installed a Boy Scout concrete marker. The development group is working on restoring a new building downtown and using a Challenge Grant towards this work. The Zearing train depot, that was moved into State Center, was one site the Iowa Barn tour saw when they came through. Harlan gave them a tour of many historic places in town. A Halloween Trick or Treat is still being planned.

Story- Carroll Stokesbary was not on the call. Jan Gammon said that Reed-Niland has new managers and the Colo Development Group told her they hope to be open mid to late October.

Boone- John Fitzsimmons was not on the call. Joyce Ausberger said she and Bob talked to Todd Knight, the new owner of the historic Standard gas station in Ogden (the one with ceramic tile exterior). Todd had stopped into the Grand Junction ILHA Museum for information on the Lincoln Highway. Bob and Joyce stopped in Ogden later and saw the restoration Todd is working on. He is a pilot, living in Taiwan, but comes back to Ogden where he was raised quite often. Todd has been in Iowa quite a long time on this visit. He has a tank wagon outside and has two gas pumps he will be installing as

well. He joined the Iowa LHA and Bob talked him into joining the national association. Todd says he also signed up 3 new members.

Greene- Joyce Ausberger reported that every so often someone stops into the Grand Junction ILHA museum. They aren't open as much as before when hairdresser was there, but there is a sign for them to call Bob/Joyce and they come open it up. Recently there was a couple that stopped in while they were moving from Lodi, CA to New York. They were taking 2 weeks to travel across the nation, using the Lincoln Highway. Joyce has been attending local tourism meetings and she and Bob are working on ideas to promote the Quirks cabin area in the eastern part of Jefferson. Bob has a homeless person living there. A Green Gable cabin will be moved from Bob Owen's property to the Quirks property and the concrete marker from Bob's yard was sold to someone just down the street from him who will install it in his front yard. Bob and Joyce are also looking at restoration of the old Grand Junction grocery store.

Carroll- Barb Hackfort reported that Carroll County is sporting some good fall colors on their trees. This is the last week to enjoy the Dairy Mart in Glidden before they close for the season. Stop in and get some lemon ice cream!

Crawford- Kathy Dirks said that Cronk's in Denison has closed for good. Some people had looked at it to reopen as a restaurant, but it needs a lot of work. She heard that Hy-Vee might buy it and put a liquor/gas station there instead.

Harrison- Kathy Dirks is excited the Welcome Center is getting a replacement interpretive panel about the Lincoln Highway. They were able to finance this through a County Conservation fund. It's being manufactured right now. The county's Freedom Rock was installed at the Welcome Center. The road between Logan and Missouri Valley was redone this year and it really needed it. Next year, the road between Missouri Valley and Blair will be redone. The Welcome Center opened this year on July 6 due to COVID-19 and in August, they were down about 58% for attendance and sales. People who come in asking about the Lincoln Highway are from about 100 miles away. They have had visitors from all of the United States this year. About the only attractions that are open are the Loess Hills Lavender Farm, Small's Fruit Farm, and the Welcome Center. The 3 area nursing homes are seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases.

Pottawattamie- Eddy Hedegaard was not on the call. Kathy Dirks said the Hitchcock Nature Center is not open inside, but they are doing the Audubon Bird Count there now.

### **Committee and Project Reports (if not in County Reports)**

Preston Station Update- Mary said the angels protected Preston's pretty well during the derecho. They lost a station window and had some roof and chimney damage. They will be getting an interpretive panel through Prairie Rivers and it will be placed between the garage and station. They have retained Martin Gardner Architects to do a structural report and applied to the National Preservation Trust Fund for a grant towards the report. For the structural report, they will need all the exterior signs down and the interiors emptied. A contractor is coming today to tarp the roofs. Mary does not have an official letter, but was told the property will be on the National Register of Historic Places as of September 21, 2020.

Herring Hotel- Bob and Joyce Ausberger attended a Belle Plaine City Council meeting and asked if the City might consider holding off on demolition for 6 months while the Ausbergers and others work on funding and restoration plans. Bob would like to raise \$200,000 by the end of this year. Dusti and Wendi Winkie, who are on the call today, feel that some funds can be raised locally and they feel Belle Plaine needs this to be restored. The city does realize this has set empty for 11 years and deadlines came and went with little to no progress, but that some work has been done more recently. Allan Richards has done quite a bit of work there as have the Ausbergers. Allan is still optimistic. He also feels the ILHA needs a bigger concept rather than saving a building here and there.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa- CMP: Jan Gammon reported that the City of Tama received a grant from the DOT to restore the Lincoln Highway Bridge but could not do bid letting until October 1, 2020. This is in addition to the HRDP grant from the State Preservation that was to end Nov 30, 2020. Jan applied for and received an extension for the HRDP grant. Prairie Rivers also received an Iowa Tourism grant for a tri-fold brochure about Breweries, Distilleries, and Wineries in Eastern Iowa as well as creating 2 two-minute videos, filmed and edited by University of Iowa grad students. The finished

products will be available soon. Jan is also working on an interpretive project for 10 signs to be installed in Woodbine, Yellow Smoke Park, Eureka Bridge, M and M Divide, Marshalltown, Preston's, and Clinton. Preston's is the first one to be completed. The base arrived a few days ago and the panel just was ordered. This is through a \$10,000 Union Pacific Grant and a \$3,000 Humanities Iowa grant. The total project is shy \$5,000 and Jan is looking for other funds to help the project.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa – Jan Gammon asks that you keep sending in information for the LHA website, Face Book page, and newsletter. Photos of the Belle Plaine "Welcome" grain bin, pre- and post-derecho, were posted on the ILHA Facebook page and received over 900 shares and reached 91,200 people.

### Other

Mary Preston suggested to a different conversation about this- maybe using focus groups, surveys, increasing membership, or setting up a task force. We need to think outside the box.

Joyce Ausberger wanted everyone to see the video that Brad Boustead created and posted on YouTube in 2017. Jan had posted it on the ILHA Facebook recently. Look there or search for it by typing in Iowa Lincoln Highway in the YouTube search box. The film features Grand Junction, Jefferson, and Scranton in Greene County.

Joyce also pointed out that John Jackson wrote a great article about Henry Ostermann in the last issue of the *Forum*.

Dean Parr reported that Jeannie is doing well, getting stronger every day. They are cautious due to COVID-19 and only go to the doctor and church.

Dean suggested that we eliminate the January in person meeting and use Zoom as the Iowa weather is usually unreliable then. All agreed.

Adjournment: Garry Hevalow made a motion to adjourn and Harlan Quick seconded. Motion carried and Mary Preston adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

### Next Meetings:

January 9, 2021- via ZOOM