

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Jan 12, 2019

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Ames, Iowa

Submitted by: Jan Gammon

Officers and Consuls in Attendance

President: Cathie Nichols

Treasurer: Joyce Ausberger

Secretary: Jan Gammon

State Director: Dean Parr

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove

Linn County: Rex Martin

Benton County: Mike Kelly

Marshall: Harlan Quick

Story: Carroll Stokesbary

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons

Greene County: Bob Owens/Joyce Ausberger

Others in Attendance: Bob Ausberger, Jeannie Parr, Gene Rabel, Kay Rabel, Brad Boustead, Margaret Elbert, Lyell Henry, Mary Helen Preston, Garry Hevalow, Charity Starbuck, Arlo Starbuck, Bob Shaw, and Carol Shaw

Called to Order: Cathie Nichols, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30. Those in attendance introduced themselves and John Fitzsimmons shared a drawing he had done of a location in Wyoming. Joyce noted that Bob Owens is turning 92 and had a card for us to sign for him.

Secretary Report: Jan Gammon had sent out the minutes prior to the meeting and brought copies. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Ausberger gave the year-end report. There was \$2,542.41 in income and \$8,534.61 in expenses. The biggest expense is for the work Meredith does with the newsletter, website, and Facebook. The checking balance is \$4059.72 and the investment account has \$5,768.39.

Membership Report: Dean Parr said we are up 2 members. One new Iowa member and one new Merchant Member (who had joined some time ago, but was not in his count.) Our totals are 60 Iowa, 172 National, 24 Comp, 11 Life, and 23 Merchant for a total of 290.

Director's Report: Dean reported that the national treasury is down \$10,000 from the New Jersey Conference not filling enough rooms at the hotel complex. Joyce hopes the next conference breaks even as they do not expect to make a profit on it. Dean will write a letter challenging the other states to make a \$500 donation as Iowa will make that donation if other states do as well.

County Reports:

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols has copies of land release forms from Iowa Natural Heritage for members to review. She will use this form when asking land owners for permission to do the Wapsi River Bridges project.

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove said that Cedar County communities are having their usual winter activities, but none are focused on the Lincoln Highway.

Linn County: Rex (and his wife) fixed the 35th Street Byway sign arrow as it was pointing in the wrong direction. Johnson Ave is now open. There was a question about a missing marker and Rex will investigate. Dean Parr added that the History Center is now open in the former Douglas Mansion and formerly used as a funeral home. There is room if this group wants to hold an ILHA meeting there. (It is across from the fire station and has lots of parking.)

Benton County: Youngville has a meeting on Tuesday and Mike will be attending that.

Tama County: No report from Allan Richards. Tama Bridge addressed later in the meeting.

Marshall County: Harlan's report is added to the minutes as an attachment. Highlights are two buildings on West Main Street are undergoing restoration work- Central State Bank Building and Evans Café building. The 61st Rose Festival will be held June 13-16. Marshalltown has been fighting to get back on its feet from the tornado which traveled down Main Street and damaged historic buildings, many which are being demolished. The courthouse is undergoing restoration. The concrete marker in front of the library had some damage and will be restored. Harlan has been working on research to see what route the 1919 Army Convoy took through Marshall County. The Convoy was spread out 5-10 miles since most of the roads were dirt/gravel and kicked up quite a dust storm. And he found the Goodyear contingent had a band traveling with them. Bob Ausberger asked if the Convoy went through LaMoille. Harlan will get with Paul Gilger, who is laying out the 2019 Convoy route about Marshall County.

Story County: Carroll Stokesbary reported that LED light bulbs have been installed around Reed's Station and it has helped bring the electric bill way down. Lighting up the station really adds to the ambiance. The station was open for Trick or Treaters and Carroll "Charlie Reed" handed out candy. Sandii Huemann-Kelly has moved on and the new managers are here at the meeting. Colo put a huge Christmas tree in the middle of a downtown intersection. It was really large. Joe Harper, who was Carroll's predecessor as a tour guide at Reed-Niland has 3 broken ribs and is healing at a home in Knoxville. Joyce had a card for all to sign. Carroll's report is included as an attachment to the minutes as well.

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons reported that there is still a problem with the Mamie Eisenhower Birthplace. Citizens have hired a lawyer to prevent the Society from selling it. John has talked to Mara, the former director several times. You can't talk anything "historical" in Boone without upsetting people. Ogden had nice Christmas lights on Main Street.

Greene County: Bob Owens reported that Jan Gammon, Byway Coordinator, made a presentation to the Greene County supervisors about the work the Byway has been doing and the Corridor Management Plan. She will be attending all board of supervisors and city council meetings in the coming year. Jefferson has new wayfinding signs and used a designed lamp posts as bases for the signs. The Jefferson Main Street Program is doing a lot of restoration on downtown buildings. Scranton will celebrate 150 years in 2019. They have a new mural by the interpretive panel about the water tower. Grand Junction

Museum is not getting a lot of visitors because it is winter. The beautician that worked in the back of the building has moved out and gone to Jefferson. So there won't be anyone there to open the museum on a daily basis.

Carroll County: No report from Barbara Hackfort.

Crawford County: No report. Need to contact Teresa Keairnes to see if she will accept the Consul position and get her listed in the newsletter/website.

Harrison County: Kathy Dirks sent in a report. She had hoped to attend but due to weather, did not. The Highway 30 Bypass being planned for Missouri Valley has 3 alternatives now. The good news is Highway 30 will still go by the Welcome Center! Harrison County Tourism has done 2' x 3' panels for each of the 10 communities in the county. Logan's highlights the Courthouse (on the National Register), the band shell, and a downtown building.

Pottawattamie County: No Report.

New Business:

Membership Committee: Cathie Nichols, Bob Ausberger, Joyce Ausberger, and Jan Gammon have formed a membership committee. If anyone is interested in being on this committee, please let Cathie know. The group held a pre-meeting and identified some strategies to get new LHA members.

- Contact college history departments and soon-to-graduate students and see if they will join.
- Make a video (include younger people) and put on YouTube.
- Update the Newsletter to give it a "fresh" look that appeals to younger people.
- List new members in the newsletter.
- Visit local libraries and encourage them to join.
- Put Forums, newsletters, other brochures in waiting rooms in each community.

The committee challenges each consul to get 4 new members in their county before the next meeting. Margaret Elbert does "Welcome" bags for the city of Ames and she will put information about the ILHA/LHA in them for new residents. She does 30-40 visits every month. Joyce received a check for someone for \$25 and that doesn't match any of the membership fees, so Dean will investigate it. Dean will send out renewal notices again in February. Cathie reported that she signed up Rita Hart as a member. She ran for Iowa Lt. Gov. this past fall.

Jeff Benson Endowment Fund: Bob Ausberger received a call from David Dahlquist who started this Endowment Fund with an initial \$10,000. The account has now grown to \$14,000. Margaret Elbert (Jeff's wife) will match any donation up to \$5,000. They believe that David gets a printout of donations and that might be the best way to track it. Margaret will be in contact with David for a list of new donations. Jan reported the donation form is on the ILHA website with the address to send donations. Donations are tax deductible. Joyce said in 2018, the ILHA gave \$2,000 to the fund and received \$800 back but wasn't sure if it was earmarked for certain projects. Margaret thought it was for "innovative" projects, however that might be defined.

Reed-Niland Corner: Bob and Joyce Ausberger were afraid the Café might be shut down for a period of time after Sandii's retirement. While they were eating at the Lucky Pig in Ogden one night, they approached a lady there about it. She declined but said that someone running the DMACC cafeteria in Boone might be interested. So Bob and Joyce stopped in and talked to Charity Starbuck. She was

interested and things have progressed. Charity and her husband, Arlo, are in attendance today and report that they will sign the lease this week and live on-site for a bit with their two kids (daughter, age 10, and son, age 7). Arlo will drive back and forth to his security job with the Iowa National Guard, and then join Charity at the Café/motel after they get a feel for the business. Charity has a culinary degree and is working on a Business Administration degree. They will do some interior painting to freshen it up and have a draft of their menu for LHA members to review. They will have a soft opening to test things and a grand opening. The motel will be open and Christy will run that as well. Arlo is excited to have the Farmer's Market there and Classic Car Roll-ins. Mike Kelly said that the ILHA still needs to support further restoration there as some units, bath house, etc. need work done yet.

1919 Convoy: Jan Gammon passed out the itinerary for the LHA Army Convoy this summer. They will start Aug 30 on a pre-tour gathering in Washington, D.C. and be in Iowa Sept 6, overnighting in Marshalltown, and Sept 7, overnighting in Council Bluffs. Joyce and Bob are considering going on this trip.

Old Business

New Officers/Consuls: Harlan respectfully declined the vice-presidency. Bob nominated Mary Preston and she agreed. All were in favor. Jan will contact Teresa Keairnes in Crawford and someone is needed in Pottawattamie yet.

501C3 Status: Meredith Ponder is having to start over with this process and received 5 years of treasurer reports from Joyce. Meredith hopes to have this submitted before the end of January. Mary Preston has submitted one before and it took about a month to hear back. Meredith will use her credit card for payment and will need reimbursed from the treasury for the fee.

Committee and Project Reports

Newsletter/Facebook/Website Report: Meredith emailed in a report. She had planned on attending, but with weather report decided to stay put. The website is going fine, though she could use more upcoming events. Newsletter was full of submitted articles. She appreciates this effort. Social media is going well. She will be out of the country almost all of March. Not sure of her access to email. But you can try to contact her if you need her and she will try to respond.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa /Coordinator Report: Jan Gammon reported she received a \$500 grant from Allegra (marketing and printing firm in Urbandale) for a tri-fold brochure regarding the Lincoln Highway, the 1919 Army Convoy, re-enactments, Dwight Eisenhower, and Mamie Eisenhower. She will go to a ceremony Feb. 13 to receive the grant.

Jan also submitted a grant to the Tama County Community Foundation for an interpretive panel to go in the Montour cemetery about Henry Ostermann and losing his life on a nearby curve. An extension has been submitted for the Benton County Community Foundation Grant for the Youngville oil room project. Jan is still researching for the American Society of Civil Engineers Historic Landmark Award. She is working on other grants and projects and will share them as they develop. The Iowa Tourism Conference is Feb 6-8 in Altoona and she will attend.

Tama Bridge: With the grants Prairie Rivers of Iowa (Jan) has been able to secure on behalf of the city and donations from citizens, banks, and other groups, the funding goal has been reached. A request

letter had been sent to the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa before the goal had been met. Jan and the Mayor of Tama, Mike Carnahan, had a meeting set up with the Tribal Council and presented about the bridge project and the need for funding above and beyond the initial goal as the engineer has come back with a \$10,000-\$20,000 increase in the project due to some re-engineering of the approach of the bridge. The City will still move forward with the project, but wanted the Sac and Fox to be a part of it, if they wish. They will decide and get back to them.

Montour Gas Station: Jan attended the Montour City Council Meeting in January and talked to them about forming a group to take on the gas station once it has been restored. The ILHA does not want to own the property but is interested in helping with grant writing and restoration. There was much excitement about this from the residents in attendance and the city council. It will be put on the agenda for the February City Council meeting (Feb 4 at 5:30 PM). Current property owners (Kupka family), the ILHA, and the end user all need to be agreeable to the ownership transfer and how it is being restored. We did have a verbal estimate on the roof repairs of \$5,000, but need a more comprehensive estimate for fundraising purposes.

Wapsi/Syracuse Report: Cathie had already passed out copies of the release form and had nothing else further to add.

Preston Station Update: Mary Preston is working with the City on a grant application and has passed the first round to qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. The woman who is helping her is working with the King Tower now and will move on to Preston's soon. Mary is working on a priority list. She hopes to restore the Station first, then the motel (as there is nowhere to stay in Belle Plaine). She is working with Ryan Prochaska to build out a timeline. Garry, Mary's husband, is being referred to as "little George" by some residents.

Herring Hotel Update:

Bob and Joyce report that a temporary roof has been put on the west lower roof. The State has given Kristine Pope /Foundation some money and might give more if progress is shown. Although, it is believed the city is still going forward with the condemnation process. Kristine Pope did not attend the last Belle Plaine City Council meeting, but feels that she is doing what is being requested of her and would like it taken off the demolition list. It is reported they would like to see her cover the plywood with white plastic.

Other comments/news: Cathy noted the *Forum* is looking for articles and Dean is looking for news from Iowa to share in the *Forum* as well. Joyce mentioned that the Rabel's (LHA members visiting the meeting from Minnesota) received an award at last summer's conference for driving the entire length of the Lincoln Highway. They also received a certificate from the Governor of Nevada for surviving the Loneliest Road.

The next meeting will be held in Belle Plaine, probably at the Museum. The July meeting will be in Harrison County and the October in Clinton County. Exact locations will be in the newsletter.

It was moved by Lyell to adjourn. Carroll seconded. Motion passed. Dean would like it noted the meeting ended at 11:30- a record for this group.

Lunch was available to order off the menu.

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Belle Plaine Area Museum

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Others in Attendance: Bob Ausberger, Jeannie Parr, Brad Boustead, Garry Hevalow, Mitch Malcom, Charles Betz, Colleen Davis, Van Becker, Bev Becker, Bill Paeth, Jeff Morrison, Frank Haker, Peggy Schott, Allison Hicks, Bev Winkie, Jen Van Ort, Francis Boggus, Rita Hart, and Bill Sankot

Called to Order: Mary Preston, Vice- President, called the meeting to order at 9:30. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Mitch Malcom welcomed the group to Belle Plaine and to the Belle Plaine Area Museum. He explained the order form for lunch from Subway. Mitch also had a card for John "Dick" Schild as he has had a stroke.

Secretary Report: Jan Gammon had sent out the minutes prior to the meeting and brought copies. Dean Parr made a motion to accept the minutes. Van seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Ausberger reported the 501(c)(3) status has been restored. The checking balance is \$3,709.08 and the investment account has \$5,753.00. Interest from the Jeff Benson fund is received twice a year. In February we received \$651. Paul Schubert sends a portion of national dues out to states quarterly. Our last quarterly amount was \$252. Our biggest expense is for Meredith who does the newsletter, website, and Facebook and Joyce would like to thank her for her great work.

Membership Report: Dean Parr said we have one new National member. National membership is up and they have run out of *Forums* to give to new members. Our totals are 74 Iowa, 165 National, 24 Comp, 11 Life, and 23 Merchant for a total of 297. Dean is unsure how to handle Merchant members as county consuls were to go back out and get renewals and most would have expired by now. Barbara Hackfort and Cathie Nichols have both been out trying to get new members and renewals. The Merchant Membership is \$80 and they will get a business a window sticker and be listed on the website. Joyce passed out Iowa membership forms and Greene County Brochures.

Director's Report: Dean Parr said a survey will be sent out asking the membership what is important along the entire route. The board is considering sending the *Forum* out electronically as it is getting

more and more expensive to mail. There is one international member and sending each *Forum* overseas costs \$70 - more than the membership fee. The national treasury is down \$10,000 from the New Jersey Conference not filling enough rooms at the hotel complex. We had voted to donate \$500 if other states would do the same. Since other states may not have much in their treasury, Joyce suggested that we ask for \$500 from the other states together and we will give the \$500.

The 2019 Conference will be in Rock Springs, WY and the 2020 in Illinois (not sure on exact location), and 2023 in Nebraska. The years 2021 and 2022 are open yet. Joyce said Conference this year costs \$225 per person and felt it was pretty low cost and encouraged others to go to Wyoming.

New Business:

Open Officer and Consul Positions: Jan Gammon read an email from Cathie Nichols. She is resigning as President of this group due to pancreatic cancer. She had surgery the day before this meeting in Iowa City and will be there for a week, then home to recover for a few months. She will start extensive chemotherapy and plans to return to ILHA meetings next year. She requests cards and letters to help her get through this process. Members can find her address in the Membership directory.

Mary Preston agreed to step into the Presidency position for the rest of Cathie's term and when Cathie returns, she can be president again and Mary will go back to Vice-President. We are still looking for a Consul in Pottawattamie County and need to contact Teresa Keairnes in Crawford to verify her position.

Hometown Pride: Francis Boggus and Rita Hart talked about the Wapsi Bridge project that Cathie Nichols has been working on. The Hometown Pride groups in Wheatland and Calamus are working on trail projects and would like to work with the ILHA. Rita would like to organize a large partnership group including the county, DNR, County Conservation, etc. Francis said it takes about \$400,000/mile for an all-purpose recreational trail, which would be about \$1.5 million for the total trail. The ILHA supports this project and can offer letters of support and Prairie Rivers of Iowa can help apply for grants. Mike Kelly thanked Rita and Francis for taking this on and said he has video of old cars crossing the Calamus Creek Bridge (eastern bridge of the three).

City of Clarence: Jen Van Ort, from the Clarence Main Street program, presented about a crosswalk program they are beginning in Clarence. There are currently no crosswalks and would like to mark some on the Lincoln Highway with the LHA logo. Clarence and Missouri Valley are the only towns with original Lincoln Highway as Highway 30 – going right through their downtowns. Clarence is looking for traffic calming measures. LHA National Board approved this and Nevada's request to use the logos through emails and on conference calls. Jen passed around drawings of the roadway and cross walks. The total for this project will be \$463.80 and they have received commitments from FFA and other groups to do the painting, police and fire departments to block off the road while work being done, and received paint from Keep Iowa Beautiful (road paint more expensive than house paint). Other donations have left \$290.27 to be raised. Joyce made a motion to donate \$200 and Van Becker seconded. Motion carried. Checks can be made to Clarence Main Street. Jen said cost for future maintenance will be split between the City and the Main Street program.

Fareway Cereal Box: Bob Ausberger talked about a Fareway in-house brand of Granola Raisin Bran that featured Route 66 on the back of the box. He wondered why we couldn't do this with the Lincoln Highway. Fareway is headquartered in Boone (on the Lincoln) and has stores in IA, IL, MN, NE, and SD. Jan had sent an email into Fareway headquarters to inquire about the process to make this a reality.

John Fitzsimmons son, Sean, works at Fareway and it was suggested that we get support letters from all the Fareway stores across the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. John also suggested the Beckwith family in Boone (family that started Fareway) be contacted.

Quirk's Cabins/Jefferson : Bob Ausberger reported that the property that once contained the Quirk's Cabins on the east side of Jefferson has come up for sale. It has three buildings all with new windows and doors and good roofs. The cabins are gone now. It was last used for used car sales. As Bob reports, "Well, anyway, Joyce bought the property. I didn't know anything about it!" They are not sure what they will do with the property. Bob Owens has a former Green Gables Cabin on his property that he would like to move elsewhere and this might work for that. The City is working on a plan to enhance the east entrance to Jefferson- which includes this property.

Old Business: Jan Gammon said the DOT has a form for groups to request usage of their Byway logos and the City of Nevada wondered if the ILHA wanted some formal agreement. Jan had written a sample, using the DOT form as an example. Dean would like the form forwarded to Kay Shelton Kozak, National President for her to review.

County Reports:

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols reported through email: Spoke with Rita Hart (our new member!) yesterday. She's been out there networking for me. She spoke with Todd Kinney, our county engineer, who said he knows a bridge restoration company in Des Moines who can possibly restore the bridges to at least take pedestrian/bike/snowmobile traffic by placing new I-beams underneath the decking. The beams wouldn't show from the outside, maintaining the historic integrity of the bridges, but would support the bridges. He thought it might cost \$10,000-20,000 (for the company to inspect and give a quote). Rita asked if that might be an acceptable option for the LHA, and I said I thought it would be fine as long as the historic parts of the bridges were left in place. She's going to tell Todd to contact the company, have them come and look and see if it's feasible, and then give an estimate.

Rita is a member of the Clinton County Conservation Board and she's been talking to them about supporting the project. She's also been in contact with the local snowmobiler's club, who used to use the old highway for snowmobiling and would like to see it open again. She's been in contact with another group who wants the boat ramp accessible again and will support us. Also, Calamus is starting a Hometown Pride group and they have two projects they are interested in: improvements to their city park; and the old highway section. Since Wheatland's HTP group also wants to work on the highway it will be good to work together to apply for grant money in the future.

I'll be in the hospital the day of the meeting, but if I'm at all conscious I'll be thinking about all of you and wondering how it went.

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove said a DOT project, from Lisbon to DeWitt, is available for comment at <https://iowadot.gov/pim>. Comments are due by April 25th. The project doesn't say anything about relocating the road but does have maps. Joe also asked about the Byway signs directing people to the Wapsi Bridge area. Now the last bridge has been closed, Jan will take care of getting the signs removed. The town of Lowden will be dedicating the Boy Scout marker on Sept 1 and they are wondering about repainting it. Van suggested that it be cleaned and a clear coat put on. Original paint was about an inch into concrete and should not be painted over. Joe will be a speaker at the ceremony.

Linn County: Johnson Ave has a detour as the city is installing another round-about. Rex visited with Bob Grafton, Facilities Manager at the History Center. He asked if the ILHA would help line up a car show on June 15th. Rex will be out of town. The group did not feel like we are a car group and most car shows offer awards, etc. which this would not have. The ILHA will pass on this. State Center has a car show the same day. Dean mentioned that closing off 2nd Ave for the 1919 Anniversary Convoy vehicles is an idea to allow the MPVA to walk to places to eat.

Benton County: Mike Kelly reported that Rita has resigned from the Youngville Café and Russ, a volunteer, was to take over the kitchen having received a safe serve program certificate. Now he has learned that he has cancer. The opening day was to be soon, but will now be May 29th. They will close at the end of September. Not sure who will manage that. Some suggested Sandii, but she is now employed in Iowa City, working 8AM- 4PM on 3-4 week projects.

Tama County: Colleen Davis says Tama is excited for the 1919 Convoy. Charles said that he has talked to Brad Nelson, MPVA, and he will be doing a dry run across Iowa the week of May 6th.

Marshall County: Harlan reported that restoration of the Evans Café Building at 120 West Main St in State Center is complete, except for final touches. It has been restored with its original street façade and a second story after losing the second story to renovations in 1951. The State Center Development Association has had a lot of interest from those looking to purchase the building.

This month's State Center Main Street event is the Spring Clean Trunk Sale on Friday, April 26, from 5:00-7:00 pm on East Main Street in the area around the Washington Township Country School and Centre Station Depot. Besides trunk sales staged in pickup trucks beds and car trunks parked along Main Street, there will also be a Lions Club Bar-B-Q at the Centre Station Depot, face painting, a bounce house, and a bicycle safety program from the State Center Police Department for the kids.

State Center is planning its 61st Annual Rose Festival to be held Thursday, June 13, through Sunday, June 16. Events include the Rose Queen pageant, Rose Queen Coronation, a Grand parade, a Kansas City Barbeque Competition, food courts, and Extreme Fun Zone, a Kids Rose Zone, a Craft Show and Market, the Fire Department's Water Ball Fights, a Master Gardener Workshop, live music, fireworks, and touring the of the Municipal Rose Garden. It's Father's Day Weekend so bring Dad and the family for a fun time.

Other upcoming Main Street events in State Center include the Lincoln Highway Associations' 100th Anniversary Military Re-enactment Tour on Saturday, Aug 24; Watson's Fall Festival on Friday, September 27; Halloween Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 30; and an Old-fashioned Christmas on Main on Friday, December 6.

Marshalltown is still busy fighting its way back from the July 19, 2018 tornado. There has been much progress in restoring the badly-damaged Courthouse, the Orpheum Theater, the historic Mowry-Irvine mansion, and other Main Street buildings. On April 23 to April 27, there will be a Rebuild Marshalltown Blitz, whereby 30 to 40 damaged homes will be repaired and rebuilt in a 5-day period. It is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity Iowa and will use habitat's staff, the homeowners, local and incoming volunteers, and AmeriCorps members. Local churches will furnish food and shelter for the volunteers. Habitat for Humanity's goal is to repair 100 Marshalltown homes this year.

Story County: Jan reported that the Reed-Niland Corner in Colo is open again. Bob and Joyce Ausberger, John Fitzsimmons and wife, and Jan Gammon and husband all attended the soft opening. Jan and Rex have been there recently and it appears to be doing quite well. Mike and Sandii moved out of the apartment last month and it looked busy the day they were there. The 1919 MPVA Convoy will come through Nevada during Lincoln Highway Days on Aug 24th and may be part of the parade.

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons reports that the Boone Historical Society has been reformed and some lifetime members, himself included, were re-instated. Charles Irwin, who used to run the museums has come back as a part-time volunteer director. There are many empty store fronts in Boone now that were once ILHA newsletter advertisers and Merchant members. Ogden had some really great Christmas ornaments up this past winter and the town of Beaver is falling down. John has some drawings out in the hallway today for people to look at. One is of Wapsi Willie who is looking for his family that was lost in a flood.

Greene County: Joyce said Greene County news was already discussed, so nothing else to report.

Carroll County: Barbara Hackfort emailed her report in. There has been a change in the status of the Santa Maria Winery here in Carroll. The restaurant part of the business has been sold and it is now Baratta's Steakhouse. It should be opening soon.

Three communities in Carroll will be celebrating their sesquicentennials this summer: Carroll, July 19-21, Mount Carmel, July 27-28; and Westside Aug 23-25 (the eastern edge of Westside is in Carroll County).

Barbara has been working on increasing memberships. The following now have upgraded or begun National Memberships: Lincoln Highway Pharmacy, Juergen's Chiropractic, Adams Bed and Breakfast, Carroll Public Library, and Glidden Public Library. The Glidden Graphic (Glidden's newspaper) and the Uptown Sporting Goods (Carroll) have opted to stay with state memberships.

Crawford County: No report

Harrison County: Kathy Dirks talked with Joyce. Kathy later reported that there is a lot going on with the preservation/restoration of the log cabin. Gary, the jack of all trades and master of all in going in for major back surgery and will be out for 3 months. They have been busy getting things set up for the season, school programs, farmers market, etc. Kathy is planning on the next ILHA meeting to be in Harrison County, maybe in Dunlap or Woodbine. Stay tuned.

Pottawattamie County: No Report.

Committee and Project Reports

Newsletter/Facebook/Website Report: Meredith would like more event information so she can add to the website. She created 3 new looks for the newsletter and Jan passed those around. Members were to initial the backside of the one they liked the best.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa /Coordinator Report: Jan Gammon reported she will be receiving a grant from the Tama County Community Foundation for an interpretive panel to go in the Montour cemetery about Henry Ostermann and losing his life on a nearby curve. Work will be done this summer on the

Youngville oil room project. She applied for a Federal grant for a project with Youngville and Prestons Station. The tri-fold brochure about the Lincoln Highway, 1919 Convoy, Ostermann (convoy his idea), Eisenhower, and Mamie grew into a larger booklet. That means it will cost more, so she reached out to American Legions along the Lincoln Highway to help sponsor the project. Interestingly, it is the 100th celebration of the American Legion in 2019 as well. She has connected Preston Station, Youngville, and the City of Tama with University of Iowa students who will work on varying projects including a comprehensive plan, historic structure report, site plan, and collection plan.

1919 Convoy: Jan Gammon has been in contact with Brad Nelson, MPVA, and has forwarded his contact info to ILHA contacts in key cities where he wants to make arrangements for overnights, meals, or breaks.

Tama Bridge: Some engineering work was done this winter and physical work should begin this spring /summer with hopes to be done by late Aug for the 1919 Convoys.

Montour Gas Station: Nothing new. City of Montour still working on identifying a group to take ownership of this property once restored.

Preston Station Update: Mary Preston is receiving paint from Keep Iowa Beautiful and will paint the concrete block garage first. She has a professional painter who has volunteered his time to do the painting. She is working on a state grant for Jennifer Price, consultant, to prepare the application for the National Register of Historic Places.

Herring Hotel Update: Mitch Malcolm, Belle Plaine City Council Member, reports the city has gone ahead with their nuisance/condemnation of the hotel. Kristine did have an independent group architectural group look at the building to give their appraisal of it.

Other News

Jeff Morrison has created a couple of blog posts about the Lincoln Highway in Belle Plaine. It is online at iowahighwayends.net/blog (then search for Belle Plaine)

The next meeting will be held in Harrison County. The October meeting was to be in Clinton County, but may need to be relocated. Exact locations for each meeting will be in the newsletter.

It was moved by Jeannie Parr to adjourn. Bill Paeth seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 12:15 PM.

Mitch Malcom had picked up the Subway orders and the group had box lunches.

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Harrison County Historical Village and Welcome Center

Missouri Valley, Iowa

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Others in Attendance: Bob Ausberger, Jeannie Parr, Brad Boustead, Garry Hevalow, Van Becker, Bev Becker, Eddy Hedegaard, and Janet Hedegaard

Called to Order: Mary Preston, acting President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Those in attendance introduced themselves. Kathy Dirks asked for a head count for lunch.

Secretary Report: Jan Gammon sent out the minutes prior to the meeting and brought copies. Dean Parr made a motion to accept the minutes. Gary seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Ausberger reported she just received \$297 for our portion of national memberships. Iowa is reported to have the most national members. The checking balance is \$2,757.73 and the investment account has \$5,786.95. Our biggest expense is for Meredith who does the newsletter, website, and Facebook and Joyce would like to thank her for her great work.

Membership Report: Dean Parr has cleaned up the membership list with Bob Beaudoin's National list and will be verifying Iowa renewal payments with Joyce. National membership is up and they have run out of *Forums* to give to new members. Our totals are 89 Iowa, 133 National, 24 Comp, 16 Life, and 22 Merchant for a total of 284. Dean is unsure how to handle Merchant members as many memberships have now expired and not renewed. John Fitzsimmons said that in Boone, the Antique Mall should remain and the others should be deleted as they have closed. The Merchant Membership is \$80 and they will get a business window sticker and be listed on the website. John said members thought it was too hard to find the listing on the website, especially on a cell phone.

Director's Report: Dean Parr said the national treasurer is getting worn out and the board is looking at ways the weight of a conference could be placed within the committee organizing it and not on the treasurer. Still having problems accepting credit card payments- they go through Jim Cassler and his Lincoln Highway Trading Post currently. Several directors wonder if PayPal could be used to accept payments electronically. Mary Preston says she uses it and is charged a 4% service fee.

The next conference is in Joliet, Illinois at the Clarion June 22-25 (Mon-Thurs as there is a NASCAR race on the weekend). 2021 will be in Sacramento, California. 2022 is open yet. 2023 will be in Nebraska.

Jimmy Lin has redesigned the website and merged a separate website with the history of the Lincoln Highway with this one. A survey was sent out and it had a 30% response rate (which is very good- higher than national rate). Joyce pointed out that of the top location identified to visit along the entire Lincoln Highway route are the Tama Bridge, Preston's and Niland Café. Good to have so many in Iowa. Most respondents were from eastern United States. Dean will email out the results to everyone.

The national officers were voted in and remain the same as last year. The vice-presidency is still open.

New Business:

National Conference Report: Joyce and Bob Ausberger brought back a number of pamphlets, books, and window clings that are available for the taking from the conference in Wyoming. They enjoyed the conference very much. Michael Owens has his book about the 1919 Convoy available for sale now. Jeannie liked the hotel and thought the conference was well organized. Gregory Hasman was the only local on committee. Russel Rein did a lot too. Jeannie also like the *Lincoln Highway III Suite* that was arranged for an orchestra. Bob said it was divided into 5 parts of the country (East, OH area, Midwest, West, and California). It can be played from either east or west. Brad found it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv-oGrjQU6U>

Contract for Newsletter/Website/Facebook: The contract with Prairie Rivers of Iowa was extended last April and it ended June 30, 2019. Meredith Ponder has been doing the work, first as an intern at PRI and then as an employee. She has now graduated and is employed at Drake University. She has formed her own LLC and rather than contract with Prairie Rivers, she would like to contract directly with the Lincoln Highway Association. By doing so, the ILHA treasurer (Joyce Ausberger) would need to have a W-9 filled out and create a 1099 at the end of the year. Joyce does not want to do that and said by contracting with Prairie Rivers, they take care of the paperwork for taxes/employees/contractors. PRI has a new intern that has the necessary skills. After much discussion, Joyce moved to continue the contract with Prairie Rivers of Iowa and return to using an intern. Garry seconded the motion. Motion carried. The ILHA thanks Meredith for her work over the years and wishes her well with her new company.

Old Business:

Open Officer and Consul Positions: Jan Gammon read an email from Teresa Keairnes that she is resigning as Crawford County Consul due to health issues and demands of commitments. Eddy and Janet Hedegaard are in attendance today from Pottawattamie County- the other county without a consul. They will think it over and let us know. (By lunchtime Eddy agreed to be the Consul!)

County Reports:

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols emailed a note to Jan stating her cancer rating after surgery has gone from Stage I to State III since lymph nodes were involved. One of her chemo drugs makes her very sensitive to cold-even opening a refrigerator can give her chest pains and shortness of breath. She won't have any immunity, so she will not be around people any more than she needs to be. She hopes by spring she will start getting back to normal.

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove is unable to be at the meeting due to his son's wedding in Texas. He emailed in a report. Not much NEW news. All communities are holding their usual summer activities-

farmer's markets, park days, garage sales, etc. - none affiliated with the Lincoln Highway. But there is FUTURE news. In Clarence, the painting of the LH crosswalks has been delayed to August 12 due to weather with a backup the following week. In Lowden, plans for the LH marker celebration are combined with the 40th year anniversary of the Lowden Historical Society Building. This will be September 1 to commemorate the anniversary of the Boy Scouts LH marker installation.

Joyce added that she has talked to one of the owners of the Lincoln Hotel in Lowden. She lives in California, but would stay in the hotel when her family visited the Grandparents. She always loved the hotel and as an adult when it came up for sale, her family purchased it. They have hired an innkeeper and other staff. Mary, an owner, will send in info for an ad in the ILHA newsletter.

Linn County: Rex Martin is also unable to be at the meeting due to a daughter's wedding, but emailed in a report. The detour is still in effect as construction continues in western Cedar Rapids. Rex submitted an article for the *Forum* about the Freedom Rocks along the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. Linn County's is scheduled for painting next summer. As with Joe, each town in Linn County is having its usual markets, music, and art shows.

Benton County: Van is filling in for Mike Kelly with a report from Benton County. Mike and Sandii are helping out at Youngville when they can. Sandii is working in Iowa City. Joyce indicated that Youngville has not renewed as a LHA member. Van will talk to them about it as he thought they had. Youngville needs more volunteers. Van wanted people to know the "Fire Truck" guy, Craig Harmon, has passed away. He had many unique items and a museum near Canton, OH.

Tama County: No report. Bridge covered later.

Marshall County: Harlan emailed in his report. State Center just celebrated its 61st Annual State Center Rose Festival on Father's Day weekend, June 13-16. The weather cooperated with the festivities, so it had a great turnout.

The Mid-Iowa Antique Power Association will be holding its 35th Annual Steam Threshing and Plowing Show on August 2-4 at the parade grounds at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office just off Hwy 30, east of State Center. There will be displays and demonstrations of implements and tools used to farm in the 1800s and 1900s. It will be a firsthand look at farming through the times of horsepower, steam power, and on to power from gas and diesel engines.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association will arrive in Marshalltown on August 23, where they will spend the night. The next morning, they will travel west to State Center's Main Street on their way to Colo.

The LHA re-enactment of the 1919 Convoy arrives in Marshalltown for an overnight stay on Friday, September 6. The Convoy moves on to State Center on Saturday morning, September 7, and then down State Center's Main Street, and on to Story County.

Story County: Jan reported that the Niland Café in Colo is doing good business.

The City of Nevada is working on several projects before the MPVA Convoy comes through town on August 24th and is part of the Lincoln Highway Days parade. Projects include painting LH and Jefferson Highway logos on poles, putting both logos on 2-sided banners at new park outside of City Hall,

interpretive panels at City Hall (named the Lincoln Highway and Jefferson Highway Heritage Park), putting logos on street signs and metal signs elsewhere along the route.

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons said Ogden Fun Days had good weather and good crowds. The Boone County fair is this week. Charles Irwin has come out of retirement to get the Boone Historical group re-organized. Mamie Eisenhower's birthplace is being prepared to be re-opened. John submitted an article to the *Forum* about Sinclair gas stations.

Greene County: Joyce said for the Union Pacific's 150th they are taking a "Big Boy" steam engine across parts of the nation. Eddy reported that it is in Council Bluffs now for Railroad Days. John said it had some problems with flooding in NE, but Eddy said it was resolved and was "back on track" (schedule). It will come through Denison, Boone, Ames, and Nevada.

Joyce wanted people to know the Freedom Rock in Jefferson has picture of LH and Eisenhower painted on it. There is a sign there that tells about Lincoln,

The Quirks Cabin area, now owned by the Ausbergers, has some drainage issues. Bob has been pumping water out of one building. If anyone has Conoco memorabilia let Bob know. Will be working on a National Register of Historic Places application. Bob Owens will donate his Green Gables cabin for the site and Prairie Rivers had created 3 small interpretive panels to be placed around a Boy Scout concrete marker that will be installed on this site.

The Grand Junction LH Garden will get a small gazebo from a couple that moved to Grand Junction from California. The Mount family bought it from someone in Hollywood and took it apart and moved it to Iowa.

Grand Junction will celebrate 150 years on August 3-4. Joyce has a costume of LH marker "heads" that someone could wear in the parade. Jan will have a Byway car in the parade. Scranton also celebrated 150 year earlier this summer.

Carroll County: Barbara Hackfort emailed her report in. There are 2 Carroll County Sesquicentennials celebrated this month. Carroll's is the weekend of July 19-21 and Mount Carmel's is July 26-28.

The "Fall Junk-a-thon" will be held on September 27-28. Antique and second-hand shops along Hwy 30 from Denison to Jefferson will be offering deals on those days.

Crawford County: No report

Harrison County: Kathy Dirks said the LHA group with Jim Cassler will stop Sept 7th at Welcome Center. There is road construction on Hwy 30 near Woodbine. Everyone should be looking at the DOT 5 year plan. Change planned for the area will tie into the access for the bypass. Wisecup Farm and Museum will probably go away.

Harrison County has had problems with flooding and roads closed. Lincoln Highway was a detour route, but has a viaduct near county line with Pottawattamie that has a height restriction. Semis would ignore the warning signs and would hit it at least 3 times a day. Kathy said the railroad wanted to close the LH and work on the viaduct at the same time it was a detour, but wiser heads prevailed.

Pottawattamie County: Eddy and Janet reported that flooding has been a problem there as well.

Committee and Project Reports

1919 Convoy: The MPVA group will be in Iowa August 22-25. Overnighing in DeWitt, Marshalltown, and Denison. Brad Nelson has been in contact with many of the LH Consuls to coordinate lunches (Belle Plaine on 23rd) and overnights. The LHA group will be in Grand Junction for lunch on Sept 7th.

Herring Hotel: Kristine is not at our meeting. Mary Preston says it is listed on the Belle Plaine City Council Meeting on Monday. A roof has been put on the lower part, but no other work done since Bob and Joyce there working.

Preston's Station Historic District: Mary said she received an in-kind grant for 9 gallons of paint from *Keep Iowa Beautiful* for the concrete block garage. Painting delayed due to rain. Dave Goodell, a painter from Williamsburg, has volunteered to paint it. University of Iowa is doing a collections policy this summer through the Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities. Preston's has received a HRDP grant from the State Preservation Office to apply for a National Register of Historic Places listing. Jennifer Price, Price Preservation, helped with the initial work and will do the application. Preston's received a notice from Kristen Vander Molen at the State Office Preservation Office that they will get 24 hours with a Technical Advisor Network (TAN) to work on a structural report for as many buildings as the TAN expert can do.

Garry played host to a group from Norway/Sweden. Bill Cary had donated a glass "pumpkin"- some kind of glass float for the gas pumps and he told May and Garry about the group being in Iowa. They even used a photo of Preston's on their front cover of tour across America pamphlet.

Montour Gas Station: Jan talked to Dustin Kupka, one of the owners. He is interested in getting this property to someone. We have been unable to identify a group in the town, population 200, or in Tama County. Jan had submitted the property as a possible project with the U of I to do a site plan, but pulled it back due to ownership issues. Town needs a convenience store. Dustin will think on this.

Newsletter: Most liked the new design. Van said the photos were hard to see when converted to black and white and then printed out. Jan will relay the message to person doing the newsletter next quarter.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa /Coordinator Report:

Cedar/Clinton Study: Jan has been attending City Council meetings and Board of Supervisor meetings in Green, Boone, Story, Marshall, Benton, and Clinton so far. Goal is to attend all of them before the end of the year. She has also been working on Byway signage to make sure they are all installed correctly before the Convoys come though. The Ralston area correction might take some time.

Jan Gammon attended the DOT meeting in Clarence regarding the Clinton/Cedar County Highway 30 Study. The Highway 30 Coalition was there in full force promoting the idea it become a 4-lane road. DOT posters set up around the room showed the traffic counts and accident rates do not warrant it becoming a 4-lane or even a super 2 (in most cases). There are a few choices on the maps the DOT created. Go to the south of Stanwood, Mechanicsville, and Grand Mound. Or choose between route to the north or the south at Lowden and Wheatland or

go to the south of Clarence then either north or south on the east side of town. They can 4-lane, super 2, or do nothing. They would like comments by July 10 (which has passed) but will take them on-going. Go to <http://www.iowadot.gov/pim> or [www/bit.ly/US30](http://www.bit.ly/US30) for more information or to send in a comment. Jan also had copies of comment cards for people to take with them and send in. The map around Wheatland shows a potential road going right over the Wapsi Bridge area that the LHA is considering for interpretation and trail development. After talking with DOT personnel, they are aware this is a “sensitive” area and many groups are interested in working together to develop it.

Brochure: A brochure about the 1919 Army Convoy, the Lincoln Highway, Eisenhower, and Mamie is being developed. Jan passed around a draft of the booklet. She had reached out to American Legions, but is having a hard time fundraising for it. It will be handed out at the Iowa Byways booth at the Iowa State Fair, at Iowa Welcome Centers, and key locations on the Lincoln Highway.

Grants/ Projects: The Byway has connected the University of Iowa to Preston’s (collection policy already reported on) and to the City of Tama to create a comprehensive plan for them.

Interpretation: The Henry Ostermann interpretive panel has been delivered to the City of Montour and they will install it in the Maple Hill Cemetery. A ribbon cutting will be planned.

Tama Bridge: Engineering work was done this winter and engineering firm has now presented the City of Tama with a new choice, one that includes a higher dollar amount. They will apply for some DOT funds to see if it will help with this cost. Work is being delayed to accommodate the 2 Convoys and will be now completed in 2020.

Other News

Van Becker added that Joyce Wheeler is making the pies for Youngville. The original idea was for someone to live there to operate the site, but the upstairs would need a kitchen added as the commercial downstairs kitchen could not be used for personal use. The stairs going to upper level are very narrow, but Van did use it for the Amateur Radio group to broadcast from a few years ago. (Van received 3rd place in a Midwest radio contest.)

Van also wondered if anyone has heard from Bryon Osberg. Bryon had put out an email that he would not be organizing an auto tour again. Van would like to see it continue, but Van doesn’t want to organize it, but could be an advisor.

The next meeting will be held in Cedar County. Location will be in the newsletter. The January site is undetermined at this time.

It was moved by Van Becker to adjourn. Dean Parr seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 12:28 PM. Those wanting lunch traveled to Loess Moose in Missouri Valley.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Oct 12, 2019

3/30 Golf and Country Club

Lowden, Iowa

Submitted by: Jan Gammon

Officers and Consuls in Attendance

President: Mary Preston

Treasurer: Joyce Ausberger

Secretary: Jan Gammon

State Director: Dean Parr

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove

Linn County: Rex Martin

Marshall County: Harlan Quick

Greene County: Joyce Ausberger

Others in Attendance: Bob Ausberger, Jeannie Parr, Brad Boustead, Garry Hevalow, Van Becker, Bev Becker, Marcia Quick, Lyell Henry, Paul Walker, Sandra Huemann-Kelly, Bev Winkie, Melissa Hardman, and Steven Rohling

Called to Order: Mary Preston, President, called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Secretary Report: Jan Gammon sent out the minutes prior to the meeting and brought copies. Jeannie Parr made a motion to accept the minutes. Dean Parr seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce Ausberger reported we have not received our portion of national memberships for this quarter. The checking balance is \$1,905.87 and the investment account has \$5,809.95. We received a \$100 donation from Jim Cassler, one of the organizers of the LHA Convoy. The Museum in Grand Junction also received some donations. Joyce has some paperback copies of Michael Owens' book about Eisenhower and the Convoy. They are \$17 if anyone is interested.

Membership Report: Dean Parr continues to clean up the list of members and dropped those from 2018 that did not renew. We have added some new members, so overall we are down 1 since July. Our totals are 84 Iowa, 137 National, 24 Comp, 16 Life, and 22 Merchant for a total of 283.

Director's Report: Dean Parr said the national treasurer resigned and John Jackson, secretary, moved into the treasurer position. So now they are looking for a new secretary. Let Dean know if you are interested. John Jackson and the board would like an audit of the books as it has not been done for some time.

Remember the next conference is in Joliet, Illinois at the Clarion June 22-25 (Mon-Thurs as there is a NASCAR race on the weekend).

Remembering Bob Owens

Several copies of the program from Bob Owen's funeral were shared with the group. He was one of the Greene County Consuls at the time of his death. Several of the ILHA members attended either the visitation the night before or the funeral on September 17th in Jefferson. We will miss his knowledge, friendship and stories. He was a true supporter of all things related to the Lincoln Highway.

Old Business:

Open Officer and Consul Positions: Bob Ausberger will be talking to a relative in Crawford County to see if she is interested. A vice-president is also needed.

Merchant Members: It was suggested that National membership be encouraged instead of our own program. We can list all the businesses on our website that are Iowa or National members. They will still get a sticker for their window from Nationals and will not only get our quarterly newsletter, but the *Forum*. This idea might be easier to "sell." Dean Parr said Barbara Hackfort found several of the merchants in Carroll County wanted the national memberships instead. Jan will work with Jackson, the intern, to change the website listing.

New Business:

Lowden's Lincoln Hotel Report: Melissa Hardman, owner of the hotel, shared how her family had come back to visit relatives in Lowden and she stayed at the Lincoln Hotel from an early age. When it came up for sale a few years ago, the family decided to purchase it and renovate it as a B&B. She gets a lot of reservations on-line and has many Lincoln Highway travelers wanting to stay there. It has a small conference room and four rooms to rent out. Card clubs and other organizations use it often. She would like more information to share with the travelers of other Lincoln Highway stops. Brad Boustead suggested she have some ILHA "Map Packs". Joyce will get some to her. We are all invited to visit and tour the hotel after lunch.

Clinton/Cedar County DOT meeting: Joe Goodlove attended the DOT meeting in Clarence on September 19th. The proposal for Mechanicsville, Stanwood, Clarence, Lowden, Wheatland, Calamus, and Grand Mound are to create "super 2" highways. This means adding an outside lane for slower traffic in one section between the towns to allow faster vehicles to continue on before the slower ones merge back into traffic. These would be constructed both on the westbound and eastbound routes. The DOT's traffic counts do not warrant a 4-lane anywhere in this section of Highway 30. In communities, they would need to create a middle left turn lane. It probably will not be a problem for any community, except for Clarence. Jan also attended the meeting (which was just displays and maps laid out with DOT staff to answer any questions). She saw quite a few "Highway 30 Coalition" members with lapel pins indicating their involvement in that group. They want Highway 30 to be a 4-lane across the state. Jan feels the DOT is holding these meetings to get a feel for all the resident opinions and not just the organized group.

County Reports:

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols had received a feasibility study on the Wapsi Bridge created by Calhoun-Burns and Associates from Des Moines. Todd Kinney, Clinton County Engineer, had requested this report and the folks from Calhoun must have made their report from photographs as they admitted they did not physically look at the bridge. All 3 options would only allow for pedestrian and snowmobiles and not for vehicles. The existing decking would be removed in all options. All would have a chain link fencing

on the side instead of the historic concrete ballustrades. The differences in the options are: #1 (\$2,130,000) a new 8- inch reinforced concrete deck would be placed on the entire length of the deck; #2 (\$2,010.00) a 4-inch thick timber plank deck installed the entire length; and #3 (\$1,590,000) Narrower width created for the approach spans, requiring fewer new beams.

Cathie says the decking is horrible, but the concrete railings are not that bad. She would like a second opinion. Mary Helen Preston suggested that she contact the Kristen Vander Molen, State Historical Preservation Office, and see if a Technical Advisory Network (TAN) person could come out to evaluate and give guidance. Jan said Tama is using Shuck-Britson Engineering firm for the Lincoln Highway Bridge. They may be of assistance too.

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove reported that Clarence painted four crosswalks (on 2 streets) with the Lincoln Highway logo. An article about it is in the newsletter. September 1st there was a ceremony commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Historical Society and celebrated the dedication of the Boy Scout marker. Joe also reported that since the bypass completed around Lisbon, the original Lincoln Highway is gone now.

Linn County: Rex Martin created an article about Freedom Rocks for the *Forum*. Cedar County's is in Tipton and was recently dedicated. The MVPA passed through Marion and Rex talked with several of the people on it. One guy, Johnny Rossman, had a map on his hood and asked people to point to where they are. He also has videos on YouTube about his experience- one per day. There are too many to list the links, so google for them instead.

There is a Boy Scout marker that was removed from a 103-year old lady's yard after she passed away and the family was going to sell the home. A family member decided to live there, so they will reinstall it a few feet where it was originally placed.

Benton County: Mike, Van, and Sandii were at Youngville when the MVPA Convoy came through. Mike and Sandii attended a dedication of the Larry Schlue Sound Park in Belle Plaine. Youngville served 1100 meals this year. The oil room project there is nearing completion. Re-roofing with shingle replacement close to the original shingles will be happening soon. Road construction in the area continues and the entrance to Youngville changed a bit. Mike and Sandii are co-chairing the Jefferson Highway Conference to be held June 3-6 in Mason City.

Tama County: No report. Jan said the bridge work was postponed until the 2 Convoys came through this year. Work will happen in 2020. Prairie Rivers of Iowa connected the City of Tama with the University of Iowa who will help create a new comprehensive plan for the community.

Marshall County: Harlan said Marshalltown held their annual Oktoberfest on September 1st. The event returned to Main Street this year after being moved to the Marshall County Fairgrounds last year due to extensive tornado damage along Marshalltown's Main Street, which sits on the original Lincoln Highway. Folks were happy to see floats, the Bobcat Marching Band, and politicians running for office, all come marching down Main Street once again.

Marshalltown's next upcoming event is on Saturday, November 9th. Marshalltown will celebrate hometown starlet, the late Jean Seberg, at their "Swingin' 60s Seberg FUNdraiser", to be held at the Orpheum Theater on East Main. The event runs from 7 to 10 PM.

Later in November, they'll host Marshalltown's Annual Festival of Trees, also held in the restored Orpheum Theater on East Main. That date is Saturday, November 23rd.

In State Center, restoration efforts continue along the historic Main Street. We have now finished restoring the 1895 Evans Café Building. We sold the building, and the new owner will be moving to town to live upstairs on the second floor, which was reconstructed; the second story was removed in 1951. The retail area downstairs will be the new home of the Pink Pedal, a ladies' fashion boutique.

Sale of that building has allowed us to move next door to the Holsworth Building, a double-front, one-story building, also constructed in 1895 after the devastating fire that burned out the entire city block, leaving one lone building at the end of the block.

Another business has come to our Main Street, a dog grooming business is now located in the original Central State Bank Building at the corner of West Main and South First Avenue. The bank building was built in 1902, so it's one of our "newer" buildings.

We just held our Watson's fall Festival on Friday, September 27th. Rain, however, spoiled much of our festivities.

We have an upcoming event, Old-fashioned Christmas on Main, set for Friday evening, December 6, from 5 to 7 PM on State Center's Main Street. There will be horse-drawn carriage rides, open houses in local businesses, and auction, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus for the kids in Watson's Grocery Store.

Story County: Jan reported that the Niland Café in Colo is doing good business. The City of Nevada had a ribbon cutting at the Lincoln Jefferson Highways Heritage Park outside the City Hall while the LHA Convoy came through on September 7th. The City is also getting 2 interpretive panels (Prairie Rivers of Iowa is doing the design work). Also added to the park will be four banners with both Highway colors/names and a granite reproduction of a Boy Scout Marker. The city committee painted highway logos on the utility poles and installed new street signs with both logos on them. The old street signs with "LINCOLN HWY" in white letters on green background are for sale for \$100. Jan had some on-hand for those interested.

Boone County: No report. John Fitzsimmons is doing a Civil War re-enactment.

Greene County: Joyce is going to miss Bob Owens and she will be looking for a replacement, though hard to do, to be the other Greene County Consul. Joyce said people were confused with the 2 convoys, expecting both to be military. They served 65 meals at Grand Junction Community Center when the LHA Convoy came through. At the Greene County Museum in Jefferson, 80 people stopped during the 2 convoys for free drinks and free cookies.

Jefferson is a Main Street Community and two weeks ago, they celebrated the opening of the Rural Forge- an initiative through Pillar Technologies, a San Francisco software company. A tri-angular area between Perry, Boone, and Carroll, with Jefferson being in the center, will offer training in software to grade school on up including college classes. This will also include internships. Students, who do well, will be guaranteed a job upon graduation. They hope to hire 30 people at a \$60,000 salary.

Carroll County: Barbara Hackfort emailed her report in. She has had a good response from the article she submitted for the newsletter. She talked to one of the high school boys who worked for the Pratts during the summer months and also found out that the Pratt's niece and nephew come back to Glidden every summer.

Charlie Maguire's song about Robert Capa's story starts with the mentioning of the Lincoln Highway. Go to Charlie's website at charliemaguire.com to find the song "Robert Capa Goes to Iowa." The song is also at the end of Valerie Jardin's Hit the Streets podcast #145.

Barbara has checked with the libraries in Glidden and Carroll, and they report interest in their copies of *The Forum*. Both libraries became national LHA members last summer, and will hopefully renew their subscription next year.

Barbara has also met with the City of Carroll about what plans they may have for the intersection of Hwy 30 and Grant Road. So far no plans have been made for that area.

She also offered to host a meeting sometime in Carroll County. It was unanimous to have her host the meeting in April, 2020.

Crawford County: No report

Harrison County: Kathy Dirks is going to her 40th college class reunion at Wartburg in Waverly so she is unable to be that the ILHA meeting.

There is no new news on the Highway 30 bypass other than she believes they took land acquisition for the bypass out of the extended plan for 2024 because of all the work that has been done and will need to be completed due to flooding. I-29 has now been closed three times so far in the area this year and is barely open now with it being one lane from flood water in some places between Missouri Valley and Honey Creek. Current projections are for flooding again next spring.....

Some of you may remember the Sunnyside Hotel and restaurant that was on the east side of Missouri valley. The restaurant has been gone for years and the hotel has been closed for years as well. Kathy noticed last week they have torn down the old cabin court buildings except for the office building. Time will tell if that will remain.

Pottawattamie County: No report.

Committee and Project Reports

1919 Convoy: There was great coverage of the MVPA in our newsletter. The next newsletter will cover the LHA Convoy as it hadn't happened yet when the current newsletter was being laid out.

Herring Hotel: The City of Belle Plaine is open to negotiations regarding the future of the Herring Hotel if there could be a change in leadership.

Montour Gas Station: Bob, Joyce, and Jan have not talked to the Kupka family (Dustin) for some time. Sandii and Mike Kelly were there when the Convoy came through and there was a nice gathering of folks watching.

Quirks Cabins District: Bob and Joyce will talk to the City of Jefferson on their plans for the east end commercial district. Ausbergers would like to have someone fix up the original café and live in it for free if they will also restore the other buildings. John Fitzsimmons offered to come once a month or so and do sketching out of the cinder block building- have other artists work from there too. Melissa, owner of Lincoln Hotel, said she knows of lots of Californians who would like to move to Iowa. Ausbergers will also look into extending the National Register of Historic Places District to extend from Downtown out to this area or the possibility of nominating as a separate location.

Preston's Station Historic District: Mary Preston said the lean-to behind the garage has been removed and they are building a new garage for her and Garry to use. They had to modify it to conform to historic requirements since they are seeking National Register of Historic Places designation (with the help of Jennifer Price). The cinder block garage was painted with paint from Keep Iowa Beautiful. Mary worked with Kristen Vander Molen at the State Office Preservation Office to get the help of a Technical Advisor Network (TAN) person to do a structural report for as many buildings as they can do in the timeframe.

Mary spoke at the Ostermann Panel Unveiling and helped with the LHA and MVPA Convoys as they came through Belle Plaine. They had 45 LHA Convoy people stop to see the station. She will also speak at the Byways of Iowa Coalition on October 17th and for a women's group in town.

Newsletter: The newsletter was increased from 8 pages to 12 this time to accommodate all the MVPA photos and all the great submissions from the Consuls. We will try to go back to 8 pages next time and will cover the LHA Convoy.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa /Coordinator Report:

Interpretation: The Henry Ostermann panel was unveiled on August 15th in Montour. There were about 20-25 people in attendance. There is a video on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=co3_9Kf7BI4

Two panels (Lincoln Highway and Jefferson Highway) have been created and should arrive soon for the City of Nevada.

Plans are being developed and grants applied for to create a panel about a bowstring bridge in Yellow Smoke Park outside of Denison and for one panel near Arcadia about the M and M Divide- where rivers to the west run to the Missouri River and rivers to the east go to the Mississippi River.

Brochure: A brochure about the 1919 Army Convoy, the Lincoln Highway, Eisenhower, and Mamie was given out at the State fair, sent to Welcome Centers, attractions along the route, and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library.

Convoys: We created a video about the MVPA Convoy. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2oFydR4PHbs>

Other News

Cathie Nichols placed 1st in the 1963-64 Original Unrestored Division at the 2019 Galaxie Nationals in Cedar Rapids.

Rex Martin participated in the Swamp Fox Festival Car Cruise In held in Marion Sept 27-29th.

Rex Martin would like more brochures and information to hand out at events like the convoys. Jan said that people are very interested in Lincoln Highway information. The four brochures that have been created by the Byway in the last four years go very quickly at Welcome Centers, Lincoln Highway attractions, and Herbert Hoover Presidential Library. She had 10,000 copies created 4 years ago of the Info Guide with Youngville on the front and only has about 50 copies left. The others are a Recreation and Camping Guide, Junior Explorer Booklet, and this years' Convoy one. They have all been going pretty fast. It was suggested that Rex get national membership brochures from Jim Cassler at the Lincoln Highway Trading Post.

Paul Walker lives in Wilton and works in Muscatine now. He has a drone and is wondering if there was interest in doing a video of the abandoned section by the Wapsi area west of Lowden. All agreed this would be great.

The next meeting, in January, will be held at the Reed-Niland Corner and the April meeting will be in Carroll County, with exact location to be determined.

It was moved by Lyell Henry to adjourn. Cathie Nichols seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 11:50 AM. Those wanting lunch ordered off the Tin Cup menu. Those that wanted to tour the Lincoln Hotel drove there after lunch.