

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Jan 14, 2017

Story County Community Building

Nevada, Iowa

Submitted By: Jan Gammon

Officers and Consuls in Attendance:

Co-Presidents: John Fitzsimmons and Sean Fitzsimmons

Vice-President: Cathie Nichols

Secretary: Jan Gammon

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove

Linn County: vacant

Benton County: Mike Kelly

Tama County: Allan Richards

Marshall County: Doug Riley filling in for Harlan Quick

Story County: Scott Berka

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons

Carroll County: Barbara Hackfort

State Director: Dean Parr

Director at Large: Van Becker

Others in Attendance: Bill Sankot, John "Dick" Schild, Mitch Malcolm, Lyell Henry, C.K. Walter, Jeannie Parr, Bryan Osberg, Meredith Ponder, Penny Brown Huber, Marcus Pope, and Kristine Pope.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 after Dave Moody, Story County Fair Board, gave a brief tour of the upstairs and downstairs of the renovated WPA community building and gave a history of the building and the renovation process.

Introductions and Welcome: The group introduced themselves. Several guests were in attendance.

Minutes of the Oct 15th meeting were emailed out and hard copies were available. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Joyce is in Colorado and was not able to be at the meeting. She gave the figures to Jan to report. There is \$15,026.63 in the bank account, with \$5,000 for Hamilton's Greene County grant, \$289.69 left in the Greene County grant for signs, and \$612.54 in Jeff Benson's endowment to be used for a Story County brochure. The investment account has a balance of \$5,974.01. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed. Van questioned using Benson funds for a Story County brochure. He feels one or several have been created in the past, but if that is how Margaret wants to use the money that way, it is up to her.

Membership Report – Dean reported there are 26 Complementary, 23 IMM, 68 Iowa only, 10 Lifetime, and 156 National. Total is 283. National has a percentage of memberships that can be state only and Iowa is above that. We are to encourage national memberships as they are down 300 from last year. Dean says the Jefferson Library has not paid dues for 3 years. We have also been sending Iowa State University Library a copy and they contacted us to say they are not receiving them. We gave them the address where we were sending copies and have not heard anything else back from them. Dean will send out renewal notices. John wondered how renewals for the new Merchant Membership would be handled and when they would be due. He suggested the County Consuls contact the merchants.

State Director Update- There is a new national treasurer, Paul Schubert from Bath, OH. The national board has not been able to meet for a while.

Director at Large Report- Van has had some problems with his email and has an alternative address of becker2@imonmail.com. **Website Report-** Meredith announced she graduated in December and has accepted a new position at Drake University. She lives in Beaverdale and is staying on part time (6-8 hours/week) with Prairie Rivers. She will work on LHA things through the conference. For the website, Meredith needs more information about events and activities, so send things into her. John would like to see what the hits and other stats are for the website at every meeting.

Merchant Membership- Memberships have been sold in Boone, Greene, Carroll, Crawford, and Harrison so far. Meredith will be working on Story soon, Consuls were given packets and window clings at the last meeting. Let Meredith/Jan know if you need more. John says it would be good to sell these memberships as people drive through Iowa towards the conference this summer. Clinton has a national member who wants to be a merchant member, so Meredith is working on how to charge them “fairly.” Joe wanted to know if a city can be a “merchant” and the group agreed that it could be.

Newsletter Report: Meredith would like events and information for the newsletter. Dean wanted to know who can post on Facebook. Mitch says the administrator can approve what is posted. You can change the page to a group. The admin can go into settings and ask to be notified when someone wants to post. Kristine has her outside posts as part of discussion. She promotes with FB ads and feels it is well worth the dollars. Meredith reported there are 603 “likes” now.

Meredith has also been working with Jeannie regarding the conference. Now that there is a new treasurer, she can add that information to the newly designed Iowa membership brochure. She would like to know how many to order. A motion was made by Lyell and seconded by Van to defer to Joyce on that. Motion passed.

Iowa Motor Tour Update- Bryan Osberg reported the dates are August 18-20 with a pre-tour on Aug 17th. The tour will start in Sioux City and end in Grand Junction. People have responded that they like to get off the Lincoln Highway a bit and see other things. He will have more information, sign-up sheets, and price later.

National Conference – Jeannie has completed the budget and the final cost per person will be \$289.83. This needs approval by Kay Shelton, National President. Grant money Denison has received (\$4,000) will

be used for meals at the fairgrounds. Since Tyson closed last year, Farmland/Smithville is only able to offer port. Instead of having pork both nights, it was suggested Jeannie Contact the Beef Producers in Crawford County or the state office to see if they can talk Crawford into doing one meal. The meal in Council Bluffs was going to cost too much, so box lunches will be served in a park next to the UP Museum and Squirrel Jail.

Lyell has talked to Hotel Pattee in Perry and they would like a table at the conference. He wondered if we could hold one of our meetings there, even if not on the Lincoln Highway. The group verbally agreed to this. Jeannie said some non-member merchants from Denison would like to have tables there too. Lyell asked Jeannie to reserve a table for Hotel Pattee and Jan would like a table reserved for the Lincoln Highway Byways in all the states too. Boulders Conference Center has a limited number of tables and is not sure they want us to bring in outside tables. Jeannie will check with them and will see if there is a place nearby to rent extra tables.

During Day 4- Speakers day. The group did want to allow others to come in and listen, but residents could be encouraged to come to fairgrounds for activities/meals. Bryan asked if there was an ala carte option for registration. Jeannie will make sure there is on the registration form. Lyell is concerned about the art room and book room not having enough tables if there are only 40 in all of Boulders. The two rooms will only be open Tuesday and Friday due to bus tours and activities at the fairgrounds.

Westside request- The City of Westside applied for the National LHA grant last year and it was thrown out as not an LHA project. Joyce Ausberger suggested that we give them \$200 towards an interpretive panel, using the Iowa Byway's design. Jan passed around pictures of the work done already on the Eugene Koch Memorial Park, which is on the Lincoln Highway. Jeannie moved and Cathie seconded. Motion carried.

A short break was taken.

Tama Bridge- Allan reported the city is not doing what they say and has no interest in participating in anything to do with the Lincoln Highway. He would like to see the farm-to-market designation removed to keep large trucks from going over the bridge. He would like to see another bypass to accommodate truck traffic. John suggested we push to close the bridge to only foot traffic and use it as a tourist attraction. Mitch wondered if we could make it a Landmark and gain more protection of what the city can/can't do to it. Can the park be donated into private hands? Could they build another bridge somewhere?

Jan reported she has talked to both the City of Tama and State Historic Preservation Office. The city wondered how much change to the bridge could occur and yet keep the bridge on the National Register? They can only change up to 50% of the bridge. So one side of the rail could be removed and the bridge widened, then the rail replaced. This would only gain them a foot and the whole approach to the bridge would need to be redesigned. It would be very costly and would not gain them much in the end. The city voted to pursue option 3 of the structural engineer's report (Jan passed around a copy.) The city would remove the existing pavement, mill the surface, add dowels to the curbs, repair the lettering and repaint the whole bridge. Repairs would also be made to the underside. During the last

DOT inspection, the bridge scores 36 out of 50 (50 being bad). This is not high enough to automatically qualify for state funds as there are bridges that score higher and take those dollars every year.

Jan moved that we apply for the LHA national grant again and show the involvement of Alan and Jan (LHA members) in this project. She will specify that the money be used to restore the lettering. The motion was seconded and the motion carried. Jan will work on the grant application.

John suggested that we get the word out to others about this bridge. Is there a written history about this bridge? Can we post something on the website? Make handouts?

Jan also moved that we give \$1,000 to the City of Tama from the ILHA checking account per the suggestion by Joyce Ausberger. Bryan seconded but the motion failed.

Highway Walkers Request- Scott Berka would like the ILHA to give \$150 for the creation of a 30 second commercial on the Reed/Niland corner to be done by Highway Walkers. They just produced a documentary about the Jefferson Highway and the Reed/Niland is at the meeting place of these two historic roads. Jan moved that we give \$150 for this project per Joyce Ausberger's suggestion. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Lincoln Highway Across America – Sean was contacted by a Arcadia Publishing, who would like to create a picture book of the Lincoln Highway. We would send them our photos. Sean will check into it more to make sure this is a legitimate company.

Herring Hotel Update- Kristine is researching the Glad Hand Club and how this could support the Lincoln Highway efforts. She is working with Ryan Prochaska (he is also working with Preston's Garage.) they have mapped out a 6 year plan and have incorporated a wellness aspect into it. In the old days, people came to the hotel for see doctors, dentists, and for other health related issues.

County Reports (given during lunch)

Clinton County: Cathie invites everyone to a public meeting Monday, January 23rd in Wheatland to discuss the county closing the main channel bridge over the Wapsipinicon River. Cathie and Jan had asked them to talk to their Board of Supervisors for funding for the repairs to the middle bridge which they want to revert back to the landowner on the south and close it to the public. The Board does not want to spend their dollars on a low traffic bridge. Cathie has done much research on the area and showed the group a detailed map of the bridges, the flow of the river, and what lies around it. In the 1940's there was an amusement park in the area complete with a tourist camp and merry-go-round with model T's to ride in. She had news clippings and photos of this Alex Park.

Cedar County: Joe reports that after the longest running Chevy dealer closed, a mechanic has bought it and will continue operating a car-related business inside this historic building. It started as a harness shop. Joe says the Lincoln Hotel is still for sale.

Linn County: Van reported the Marion original route is closing. Cedar Rapids is looking for citizen input on how to improve Mt Vernon Road.

Benton County- Mike reports that the access road at Youngville might be closed all summer due to road building by the DOT. A UNI intern is doing a research project on paving history. Mitch said the Belle Plaine Area Museum will join the ILHA as a merchant and he will ask the Lincoln Café to do so as well. Kristine said she is working on an e-book list of merchants in the Belle Plaine area.

Tama County – Alan already reported on the bridge issue.

Marshall County – Doug Riley reported on behalf of Harlan Quick. State Center is preparing for its big 150th birthday celebration. Our Sesquicentennial celebration will be held throughout 2017; we are planning an event for each month. We'll have our kick-off celebration in the Community Hall, which is upstairs at City Hall, on Saturday night, January 28, starting at 6:00 pm. For those of you who might be interested, there is a beard-growing contest; I started my beard during "Movember", and didn't shave it off, so I have a good head start. The biggest event will center around the 59th Annual Rose Festival on June 15-18th, which is Father's Day weekend. There will be a Grand Parade, car show, fireworks, water ball fights, craft fair, quilt show, Tractor Pulling Contest, laser tag, inflatables for the kids, and much more. We hope you'll join us for our big celebration along the historic Lincoln Highway on State Center's Main Street. For more information about monthly events, you can go to our city's website. I am in the process of writing a special Sesquicentennial booklet, similar to the one we created for the 100th birthday of the Lincoln Highway's arrival in State Center.

We have finished installing electricity and period-friendly lighting fixtures at the Centre Station Depot, located on East Main Street. We continue to work on the cargo doors, the transoms, and painting the depot's exterior. We are collecting railroad items and memorabilia to place in future exhibits inside the train station.

Story County- Scott said Nevada will have their annual Lincoln Highway days in August. Colo Crossroads Festival will be in July. The Northwoods Tour is the name of the LHA tour that begins after the conference in Denison. The group will travel to Winnipeg, Canada. The Jefferson Highway has a pictorial book created by the Highway Walkers after they completed their documentary. The Reed/Niland corner had several book signings there last year including Lyell with his book about the Jefferson Highway and (author name?) another culinary book.

Jan invited everyone to go to the Nevada History Center at 624 J Ave and the Dyer/Dowell Home at 922 5th Street. Both locations will be open at 1:00 for private tours for the ILHA.

Boone County- John had nothing to report.

Greene County- Jan is working with Bob and Joyce Ausberger through a Greene County Foundation Grant to create 4 interpretive panels. Two will go in the Lion's Club Tree Park (about railroads), one at the Deep Rock in Jefferson, and one at the Scranton Water Tower. She is working with them on a grant to get 2 more created for the Lion's Club Tree Park, one for the Eureka Bridge, one for the Moss Markers, and one at a gas station in Scranton. She passed around photos of what the first 4 will look like.

Carroll County- Barbara passed around samples of a flyer for the art contest during the conference. John moved that prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 be given for the 3 top artists. Jan seconded and the motion carried. We will think about asking art teachers in Boone–Harrison County to participate.

Crawford County: no report

Harrison County- Kathy was not able to attend meeting, but emailed in her report. She had strep throat the Friday before New Year's and put on a strong antibiotic that gave her a severe rash.

Updates:

The new bridge on Highway 30 near Woodbine was completed and opened this fall. The IDOT used bricks in the design of the bridge and placed the same style of lights on the bridge as Woodbine has in town. When the weather gets nicer and I'm healthier, I hope to get up to Woodbine to take a few pictures to share with everyone.

Logan will be celebrating its 150th in 2017. They have a planning committee that has met a few times. I don't know plans as of yet, but they will be doing some larger and smaller activities to celebrate. One project they are working on is a Logan history book.

The Harrison County Conservation Board will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2017. Different events will be held during the year including: a Kick-off to summer on May 6th at Willow Lake Park, Trail fun run/walk on August 26th in the Old Town Conservation Area, a kick-off event on September 23rd at the Welcome Center for the newly created Loess Hills Heritage Week, and Creepy Campground on October 13th at Willow Lake.

The welcome center began the process of remodeling the bathrooms on January 3rd. They are being gutted to the studs and will be redone to meet the current code for handicap accessibility. They have served the welcome center well as public restrooms, but are 28 years old so it was time.

As with other communities and counties along the Lincoln Highway, now is when planning is underway for 2017 activities including city celebrations, the county fair, and the farmers market. It's looking like it will be another year full of "things to do" in Harrison County!

Pottawattamie County- no report

Next meetings:

February 15th, 10:30 Reed/Niland Corner in Colo, LHA Conference Committee Meeting

April 8th, DeWitt at the AmericInn, 9:00 Coffee/rolls, 9:30 meeting

July 8th, Hotel Pattee, Perry (tentative)

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DeWitt Community Building

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Co-Presidents: John Fitzsimmons

Vice-President: Cathie Nichols

Treasurer: Joyce Ausberger

Secretary: Jan Gammon

Clinton County: Cathie Nichols

Cedar County: Joe Goodlove

Linn County: vacant

Benton County: Mike Kelly

Marshall County: Harlan Quick

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons

State Director: Dean Parr

Director at Large: Van Becker

Others in Attendance: Bev Becker, Jeannie Parr, Bob Ausberger, Brad Boustead, John Brassard, Jr., Meredith Ponder, Linnia Fitzsimmons

Called to Order: John Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Introductions and Welcome: The group introduced themselves. There were 2 guests, Brad Boustead from Polk County, and John Brassard, Jr., who writes a historical column for the *DeWitt Observer* and one of his columns was reprinted in the last ILHA newsletter.

Minutes: The minutes were e-mailed out. Joyce moved to approve them. Cathie seconded. Motion was approved. Dean would like the minutes converted to .pdf so they will be easier to open.

Treasurer's Report: There is a total balance of \$14,299.33 with \$5,974.36 in the investment account. \$5,000 of that is Hamilton's, leftover Greene Co Grant is \$354.69, and \$1,253.76 from the Jeff Benson Foundation. This leaves \$7,690.88 for the group to use. Jeannie moved and Jan seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Dean Parr moved some people between state and national when their membership changed. The total is 282, which is down 1. There are 26 Complementary, 23 IMM, 54 Iowa only, 10 Lifetime, and 169 National.

State Director Update: Dean says there is still the issue with the new national treasurer's bank not wanting to issue credit card capabilities. Suggested they issue debit cards instead. In the meantime, the previous treasurer is processing credit card payments for memberships and conference fees.

It looks like they might have a quorum of national directors at the Conference in Denison. They dropped the director from Colorado as he has not attended meetings for years and does not respond to any correspondence. OH director not running again, but has someone to replace her. Dean is running again, unopposed, in Iowa.

The national association would like more new members. Iowa seems to have the most members. Dean will send out a list of members by state.

Director at Large Report: Van says Dean covered most of everything.

Membership Brochure: Meredith is working on getting it printed. Will get 5,000 copies per Bob and Joyce.

Merchant Membership: Please go out and sell within your counties. Joyce said to delete Homestead Café as it has closed.

Newsletter Report: Send in articles, events and photos. They can also be used on the website. Dean has extra copies for people to take with them. He said the national directors really like the format and the content. Joyce advised Meredith to check the advertisers in it. Some might be due to renew.

Conference program: The deadline for text has passed, but Meredith is still missing some information, so please get in bios and photos, etc. Meredith will make a new list of what she is missing yet for the committee meeting next Wednesday. The East Tour text is way too long (28 pages) and the West Tour is 10 pages without photos. Bob and Joyce will work on editing. Meredith hopes to have this to the printer by June 1st.

Mike Kelly says while he was getting info together for his portion of tour, he noticed national website had old photos of Youngville and Reed-Niland's. Who does he contact to change them? Dean will get him the contact info. He also notice that NE has wrong info and needs updated.

Iowa Motor Tour Update: Information is on the website along with where the stops will be. Cathie Nichols is signed up to go on it. Dates are Aug 18-20. They will stop in Grand Junction for cookies and coffee.

The national auto tour that leaves after the conference is full with 40 cars. They will be in Grand Junction at 2:00 for coffee and cookies, spend the night in Ames, stop by Reed-Niland in the AM, then turn onto the Jefferson Highway for the rest of the tour.

National Conference: Jeannie wrote another article for the *Forum*. Dean sent in photos with it. Bob says the skew bridge and another will be under construction, so route will be changed slightly. The next committee meeting is this coming Wednesday at 10:30 at Reed-Niland Corner. Dean has received 28

registrations so far for the conference, hoping that registrations step up in May and June. Next year's conference is tentatively in New Jersey.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa Corridor Management Plan: Jan said the Advisory Board for the Byway has met and developed the top 3 projects per county. Now it is a matter of finding funding. Staff is working on a Camping and Recreation Brochure, completion in June. Dean would like a copy of the CMP on a flash drive.

Westside request: Joyce sent them \$200 towards an interpretive panel, approved last meeting.

Highway Walkers Request: Joyce sent them \$150, approved last meeting.

New Business: Mike noticed the elevator was gone in Clarence. It would have been great for murals. Others report it has been gone for some time.

Herring Hotel Update: Kristine Pope put out an emergency call to attend a Belle Plaine City Council meeting this past Monday. The city is considering deeming the hotel as a nuisance due to part of the building crumbling away and bricks have fallen off. It is a safety issue. Bob/Joyce and Dean attended the meeting. The city wants to see movement towards the safety issue. Gave Kristine one month and then they will move towards demolition. She has needed a quote for the roof repairs and has not received any. Bob has a guy from Victor coming to get her a quote. Van said Channel 9 in Cedar Rapids did a "not very positive" story about the fate of the hotel. Joyce said that one estimate a few years ago said that it would take \$3.2 million for total restoration. The roof alone was to cost \$120,000. Joyce says the figures don't compare to other estimates. Kristine has formed a foundation- a 501(c) 3- and gotten it on the National Register and the Endangered Building list with the State Historical Society. She thinks between the Wallace Winkie Foundation and the fundraising tea she is having right taody, she might have \$8,000 to work with.

Harlan said coming from the city's end, as he is a mayor and worked with city government, Kristine needs to address the safety concerns now. She should talk to the appropriate person within the city to see what form of remediation is acceptable until a full restoration done.

Bob says he received an over-the-phone bid of \$40-\$50,000 for the roof, not including the shingled part. He is stopping today to get photos to send to the estimate company. It is a rubber membrane roof. Every 15 years it should have a new coating. There should be a Lifetime warranty on it. There should be another contract for the inside joists repair.

The ILHA gave her \$3500 some time ago for initial repairs. Kristine did have a structural engineer give her a report. The report cost \$1700.

Jan said she could not attend the city council meeting, but sent letters to the city council and mayor. Others felt that Main Street and Historical Society in Belle Plaine should be working with her. Will see how estimate comes out. (Side note: after the meeting, photos were taken of the roof and it does not look to be in too bad of shape.)

County Reports

Clinton County: Cathie brought pictures of the west Wapsi Bridge that was closed three weeks ago and that we will tour after lunch. It is not on the National Register and no one is venturing a guess of what it would take for repairs. As the photo shows, there is not much left to the underside of the bridge and might not even be safe for pedestrians. She has noticed the Feds have been out surveying, so not sure where the 4-lane is proposed to go. We will see the 1922 Skew Bridge (closed long ago) and the other two 1930 bridges. We will walk out to the 1913 embankment. The 1913 bridge was moved to the golf course. Cathie's ideas are to paint the bridges, make a trail out into the woods, and put up interpretive panels for visitors. We can park on the north side where there is a county boat ramp. Van said perhaps a new pedestrian bridge could be built over the existing bridge. The County engineer said he could build a pedestrian bridge next to it pretty easily.

Cedar County: Joe does not have anything new for his county, but his contact at the DOT gave him some old maps of the Bridge area we tour today. He passed them around and Cathie will get copies for her files.

Linn County: Van says the Cedar Rapids downtown has gone through some changes. There are buildings and planters in the middle of the street. The bike lane is between traffic and parking. It is very dangerous to be driving in downtown. Mount Vernon Road is to be "made pretty" with retaining walls, sidewalks, planters.

Benton County: Van noticed the outdoor kiosk at Youngville and congratulated Mike on getting that up. Mike built the stand, but did not help with the panel. The panel was a stipulation to get a sign off of Hwy 30 for the café-something to see 24/7 since café has limited hours Mike said that Youngville will open May 2nd. He also said there was an article in the paper about the Seedling Mile.

Tama County: Jan is working with the City of Tama to get grant funding to repair the Lincoln Highway Bridge. She also put the LH Park people in contact with Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge's plant program for prairie plants for a butterfly garden.

Marshall County: Harlan reported that Marshall County will be busy hosting special events along the Lincoln Highway this coming year. Three cities along its route are State Center, Marshalltown, and LeGrand.

There are three big events coming up in State Center this season. The first is the opening of the 16th season of the downtown Farmer's Market on Thursday, June 1st. The market will be held each Thursday evening from 5:00 -7:00 pm along the Lincoln Highway on State Center's West Main Street. The Farmers Market runs through September.

The second event, the 150th birthday celebration of State Center, will be spread throughout the year. The largest Sesquicentennial event will be the "59th Annual Rose Festival", held June 15-18th, Father's Day weekend. There will be a Grand Parade, car show, fireworks, water ball fights, craft fair, quilt show, tractor pulling contest, laser tag, inflatables for the kids, and much more. Harlan is in the process of

writing a special Sesquicentennial booklet, similar to the one created for the 100th birthday of the Lincoln Highway's arrival in State Center. These will be available at the Rose Festival.

The third State Center event is a special "Incorporation Celebration", which will be held on August 26 and will include the burying of a commemorative time capsule for future generations to unearth during their commemorative birthday celebrations.

The second city in the county, Marshalltown, has a series of events planned for their Main Street, which is also the historic Lincoln Highway. On Saturday, July 15th, they are hosting the Linn Creek Art Festival/Downtown Art Event. On Sunday, September 10th, Marshalltown will be holding the International Food & Music Festival. Later that month, their largest celebration, "Oktemberfest", will be held the weekend of September 21-24. The third event that month, the annual Art Walk will be held Friday, September 29th. The Orpheum Theater will be hosting their annual "Jean Seberg Film Festival" at the restored historic theater on East Main Street on Saturday, November 4. And, for the big finale, Marshalltown will be hosting their "25th Annual Holiday Stroll" and Tiny Tim Tree Festival" on Saturday, November 18th.

The third Marshall County city, LeGrand, will be hosting its "Pioneer Days" along their historic Main Street area on Saturday, August 26th.

Harlan and Marshall County hope you'll find your way along the Lincoln Highway to the heart of Iowa.

Story County: Jan reported that she created a gift basket with gift certificates for an overnight stay at the Queen Anne B & B in Nevada, private tours of the Nevada Historical sites, meals at MiCasita in Nevada, a bottle of Lincoln Highway wine from Santa Maria in Carroll, and box of chocolates from Chocolaterie Stam in Ames. The basket will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Herring Hotel after the tea that is being held today.

Ames High is gathering information, photos, and memorabilia for a display. Looking things from 1970 to present.

Mike says Niland's will have 3 roll-ins on the 2nd Tuesdays from 5-7pm; June 13, July 11 and August 8. They have had several international guests.

Boone County: John says Boone is having a new festival called "River Valley Festival" on May 4, 5, 6. Information should be put on the website. They are bringing art to the Ledges, hosting a fishing tournament, and will have antiques for sale.

Van commented that when Ogden resurfaced the downtown and cut a chunk out with the footprints in it, it was taken out of context and when that happens, history is lost. He was also saddened that people wanted to remove a medallion from a Boy Scout marker and replace with a replica.

Jan said the Boone History Museums are featuring a new event this year called "YesterBoone" that will include contests for displays and collections shown during the event.

Greene County: Joyce said the Jefferson paper had an article about the overpass and road construction that will start soon. Bob and Joyce will go to a meeting Monday night to talk about the Grand Junction garden. They should see an uptick in people stopping in the Museum starting in June as vacationers/ tourist increase. Bob Owens was unable to come today. Jefferson has a Freedom Rock now by the trail head/depot. Greene County Tourism is very active and promotes the county as a whole. They are getting lots of dollars from the casino. Joyce says 500 tractors will be on a trip around the county the day the LHA Auto tour is coming through.

Carroll County: Joyce reported for Barbara. She has gone to art departments in several of the schools (Greene, Carroll, and Harrison counties.) She is still looking for a sponsor for the tractor ride.

Crawford County: Jeannie says Denison is very excited for the conference to come to town in June. Jeannie asked Kathy Franzwa and Kay Shelton if she could give a "Friend of the Highway" award to the whole committee for their work and they said although it is a nice idea, it could not be done. Special invitation letters were sent the Mayor and the Chamber Director. Jeannie will send one to Evan at the Chamber who has helped her on many things. A general letter will be placed in the Forum, inviting the membership to Iowa.

Harrison County: Kathy Dirks emailed in her report. She is busy today with an Open House at the Welcome Center. She did want people to know that there is bridge construction north of Crescent and perhaps was good the plans for the conference bus trips were to bypass that section due to the height of the railroad overpass versus the height of the buses. Joyce said that Elaine Ehler's health is good, but now her husband has had 3 stints put in and is recovering.

Pottawattamie County: It was noted that the Squirrel Jail and Niland's Corner in Story County are on Travel Iowa's top things to see in Iowa.

The meeting was adjourned and the group will meet back at the Community Center at 1:30 for the tours.

Next meetings:

April 12, 10:30 Reed-Niland Corner in Colo, LHA Conference Committee Meeting

July 8th, Hotel Pattee, Perry

After the regular meeting, everyone could eat lunch at the location of their choice. When the group reconvened, they traveled to Grand Mound to visit the last wooden structure fire station in Iowa. They were greeted by Don Kent who told of the athleticism of the early firefighters. Horses did not pull the water tanks, but the firemen did. The men in Grand Mound won many awards and trophies, which are on display. There were many firefighting related objects and wagons on display. Upstairs was a small museum with information from the school, nurse's outfits, diorama of an area farm, photos of early Grand Mound. One photo was of the water tower that sat in the middle of the street. It has a stone base. There were several people available to answer our questions. In the military display there were 3

uniforms, one of which had a label identifying that it was Don Kent's and the others belonged to his brothers. A group photo was taken outside.

We then traveled to the Wapsi River Bridge area and parked at the boat ramp area. Cathie Nichols and her husband had been out a few days earlier to clear a path for the group to walk down an embankment near the west bridge (which was closed 3 weeks before.) We were able to walk out to the 1921 pavement in the woods and see the 1913 bridge abutment from the closed bridge. The group was encouraged to help Cathie with preservation and come up with ideas of how to use this area, perhaps with a trail and interpretation.

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Greene County: Bob Owens

Carroll County: Barbara Hackfort

Others in Attendance: Amber Fitzsimmons, Lyell Henry, Bob Ausberger, Brad Boustead, Sharon McQuillen, Dick McQuillen, Larry Jackson

Called to Order: John Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

Introductions and Welcome: The group introduced themselves. There were 4 guests, Brad Boustead from Polk County, and Bob Ausberger's classmates and Lincoln Highway members- Larry Jackson and Sharon and Dick McQuillen.

Minutes: The minutes were e-mailed out and some hard copies were available. Cathie had a few corrections- Don Grant's name should be changed to Don Kent in 2 places. The newspaper cited on the first page under introductions is the *DeWitt Observer*. On the 2nd to the last page, it should read 1921 pavement, not 1913 pavement. With those corrections noted, there was a motion and a second to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There is a total balance of \$12,949.23 in the checking account and \$5,985.49 in the investment account. The Jeff Benson Endowment portion is \$1,253.76 and the Hamilton and Greene County grant has a balance of \$1,433. T-shirts sold for \$18 and \$20 at the conference. Jim Cassler sold them for us in his booth and felt sales were pretty strong, but we are down \$100 and have 46 shirts left. The group felt we could sell them for \$10 on the website (\$7 cost and \$3 for shipping). Jan will talk to Meredith about adding that to website. Joyce is contact for T-shirts and says she has all sizes available. Cathie will take some to try to sell in Clinton area and upcoming Wheatland Car Show. Checks were received from Nationals for our portion of national memberships. Joyce applied for money from the Greene County Motel Tax Fund for \$3,000 to pay for a Lincoln Highway marker and interpretive panel in the Jefferson East Entrance Improvement Project. They did not fund for the Moss Marker panel as it was outside the city limits, but suggested a brochure be created about the Moss Markers and given out at

the Chamber's office at the Jefferson Gardens. It was moved and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Dean Parr was not at the meeting. The figures are up 2, for a total of 284. We have 24 Complementary, 23 IMM, 56 Iowa only, 12 Lifetime, and 169 National. Iowa still has the most members of any state.

State Director Update: Dean was not at the meeting, but did forward a Proclamation from Denison for National Conference Days. Joyce will hang that in the museum. Dean sent in a report:

Future conferences. 2018 Islen, New Jersey; 2019 Rock Springs, WY; 2020 Jolliet, IL.

Board of Directors Election Results – it was reported that voting-by-mail results were tabulated for the six directors' positions expiring at the 2017 Board meeting. The new terms run until 2020. Three incumbent State Directors were re-elected: Parr (IA), Focke (NE), and Peppers (NY); three At-Large Directors were re-elected: Suen (#1), Jackson (#2) and Colson (#4). The new Director for Ohio is Scott Little replacing Rosemary Rubin. All candidates ran unopposed and each received between 52 and 55 votes of the membership.

Officers – it was reported that the current slate of officers was re-nominated without opposition and each agreed to continue in their posts for another year: President – Shelton; Vice-President- Brian Suen; Treasurer – Paul Schubert; Secretary – John Jackson; Field Secretary – Russell Rein. Bob Dieterich agreed to continue as Executive Advisor.

Director at Large Report: Van not at the meeting.

Membership Brochure: New brochure was available at the Conference.

Merchant Membership: Please go out and sell within your counties. Joyce has stickers if you need some for the business windows. John reports that Story County still has no members.

Newsletter Report: Please send in articles, events and photos. They can also be used on the website. If you have photos from the conference, we could use and put them in our files.

Website Report: Same as above for newsletter. We should be asking for content in a few weeks.

2017 Iowa Motor Tour Update: Bryan sent in a report. Tour is Aug 18-20 (pre tour is Aug 17). Right now there are 10 autos pre-registered, about half of what he had last year at this time. Hoping for a few more by the time the tour begins. The tour will be starting in Sioux City and ending in Grand Junction, going through the Loess Hills into Nebraska and south to Blair, NE and then to Council Bluffs. Then taking the LH to Missouri Valley, on to Carroll (with many stops along the way) for our Banquet and door prizes. Sunday is the finish in Grand Junction with lunch and goodbyes as the finish to the 2017 tour.

National Conference: Jeannie sent in a report. Since she and Dean will not be able to attend the July meeting due to family obligations in Colorado, she would appreciate this message being conveyed to the conference committee.

"A heartfelt thank-you to all of you that served on our committee. It is because of your willingness and dedication that our conference was as successful as it was. I constantly asked attendees how they felt it was going, were they enjoying themselves and did they feel it was a good conference? All ever heard was 'It's going great' and 'YES!' All of us can proudly give ourselves a pat on the back!

Of course, we had a few glitches, but nothing we couldn't handle.

Dean and I both want to thank you for all your support. (And I can proudly announce that we are still happily married. Whew! LOL)"

Dean sent in a letter he received from the National LHA and President Kay Shelton stating the Iowa Chapter is receiving \$3,000 from their Endowment Fund. The letter and notification of the award was announced at the Conference. We need to send in a letter to request it the funding before the check will be issued.

Art Award during the Conference

There were 2 entrants in the art contest. There were to be 3 cash awards of \$100, \$75, and \$50 to the top 3 winners. Joyce does have participation certificates, but was unsure what prize should be given. After some discussion, it was decided to give each of them \$85- by splitting the first and second place winnings between them. We could also give them a T-shirt for entering the contest. Joyce will get a photo of giving the students their award and we could publish it in our newsletter.

Prairie Rivers of Iowa Corridor Management Plan: Jan said a project from the CMP has come to the forefront and a grant was written to ArtPlace America to fund the restoration of gas stations at Reed-Niland in Colo, Youngville at Hwy #218/Hwy #30 intersection, and Preston's Garage/Station in Belle Plaine. Art, interpretation, oral histories, and electric charging stations will be added at all sites. The Byway has made it through the first portion of the grant round. They are 1 of 70 selected from about a thousand applicants. A site visit will happen in late July and the final application due in early August. If funded, the project could start in January 2018.

The Prairie Rivers staff is continuing work on the Camping and Recreation Brochure. It should be completed soon. And they are working on research to complete an application for an ASCE Historical Civil Engineering Landmark Award.

Highway Walkers Video: Bob would like to support this video effort and Lyell would like to have editorial voice if we are giving any funding to the project. Bob suggested a letter be drafted to offer help with content and encourage participation.

New Business: Amber would like to join her brother and father in the presidency. She would help draft the agenda and write the president's corner. John would lead the meetings. John was unsure when their term would be up since Sean had been moved into the position when Deb Rothmeyer resigned. Joyce will figure out the term dates. It was moved, seconded, and approved to have Amber as a tri-president. She filled out a membership application and paid her dues.

Meredith's work with the LHA will terminate soon, but she is interested in continuing on until December. The group approved her staying on until the end of the year.

County Reports

Clinton County: Cathie brought the map of the proposed Wapsi Bridge project and is waiting to hear if the DNR is able to purchase land for the means. Across the road, to the north, that property owner rents the land to the Clinton County Conservation for the boat ramp/parking at a cost of \$100. A mother and daughter own the 27 acres the DNR would like to purchase to the south. This area was known as the "sawtooth section" because of the route the highway took in the wetlands around the river.

Cedar County: Joe sent in a report and says he just got a call from the owner of the Lincoln Hotel. It is officially back on the market, through a realtor. Price is reduced to \$250,000 which includes all furniture, appliances, kitchenware, etc.

Highway 30 four-lane expansion is under way to further bypass Mt. Vernon. It rejoins old 30 east of Lisbon in Cedar County.

Linn County: No report.

Benton County: No report.

Tama County: Jan is working with the City of Tama to get grant funding to repair the Lincoln Highway Bridge. Besides the LHA grant, they have received \$2,000 from the Tama Community Foundation Grant and \$25,000 from the Mansfield Grant. They are awaiting a few more grant decisions before the project can begin.

Marshall County: Harlan sent in his report. Marshall County's Central Iowa Fair will be in full swing, starting next week and running from July 12 – 16 at the Marshall County Fairgrounds at 1308 East Olive Street, in Marshalltown. Events include 4-H and FFA demonstrations, projects, and livestock judging, plus a rodeo, truck pull, and daily activities and competitions for all ages.

The Mid-Iowa Antique Power Association will be holding their 33rd Annual Steam Threshing & Plowing Show on Friday, August 4, through Sunday, August 6, at the MIA Power Association's parade grounds at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office. The show also features draft horses. The grounds are located at 2373 Jessup Avenue, which is 8 miles west of Marshalltown along U.S. Highway 30, or 5 miles east of State Center along U.S. Highway 30.

The City of State Center continues its yearlong celebration for its 150th Anniversary with various community events, like the Rose Festival, held in June. Their next event will be the Sesquicentennial Incorporation Day Celebration on Saturday, August 26, featuring the burying of a special commemorative time capsule and the release of a commemorative State Center History Book, written by local State Center historian, Harlan Quick, and edited by Marcia Quick.

Marshalltown is planning for its upcoming Oktoberfest celebration, set for Thursday, September 21, through Sunday, September 24. Activities include Friday evening's Classic Car Show, Saturday morning's Grande Parade, and Saturday afternoon's Color Run and children's activities.

Unfortunately, Le Grand's Pioneer Days celebration has been cancelled for this year, due to a lack of volunteers.

Story County: No report from Scott. Colo Crossroads is this weekend. Jan reminded people of the Niland roll-ins on the 2nd Tuesdays from 5-7pm; July 11 and August 8. Lincoln Highway Days in Nevada is Aug 26th.

Boone County: John talked about the new event in Boone called YesterBoone. He would like the ILHA to have a display of some kind during the event. It is September 29-October 1. There is a fee to enter and prizes will be awarded. Different venues will host the exhibits at their locations.

The "footprint" interpretive panel was temporarily installed in an undeveloped pocket park on the main street in Ogden. They set it up in time for "Fun Days" with the concrete slab containing the footprints.

Greene County: Bob pointed out an article in the Iowa Tourism magazine about Deal's Orchard and wishes businesses and articles like this would promote "on the Lincoln Highway" in their tag lines. They could put that phrase on T-shirts, stationary, business cards, etc.

Bob Owens has a cabin that used to be at Green Gables and would like to donate it somewhere in the future. He is storing tools in it right now. After some discussion, the group wondered if just south of RVP~1875 would be a good location. After some restoration, interpretation could be added and it would be just across the street from where it had been originally.

Bob also has a LH pole that he will keep painted. John will keep doing them as he can. Joyce pointed out one on the bus tour that needed painted and someone liked the "aged" look of the paint job- so maybe put a clear coat over the top instead of re-painting.

The interpretive panel has been installed at the Deep Rock in Jefferson. All report it looks nice.

The Minnihan reunion (Jeanne Parr relatives) might help paint a school house they donated while they have their reunion in Greene County.

Carroll County: Barbara reports the Carroll County Fair is this coming week. She has been catching up on her own things since the conference, but will head out to Crawford and Carroll County to sell merchant memberships.

The Grant Road and Highway 30 intersection will be expanded and they will take part of the salvage place and all of Subway in the process. The City had asked her about interpretation before, but she feels it is such an unsafe intersection that she would hate to see anything happen as a result of someone pulling over to read a sign. Santa Maria has decided to focus on their wine and will cease being a restaurant. There is a new Italian restaurant just off the Lincoln Highway and it is excellent. A new brewery will be coming soon.

Crawford County: No report.

Harrison County: No report.

Pottawattamie County: No report.

The meeting was adjourned and Jay Hartz talked to the group after lunch and gave us a tour of the Hotel Pattee, the themed rooms, and the recently renovated 2-lane bowling alley.

Next meetings:

October 14, 2017 9:00 refreshments, meeting at 9:30 Youngville Café in Watkins- General Mtg

January 13, 2018 Reed-Niland , Colo, Business Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Iowa Lincoln Highway Association

Oct 14th, 2017

Reed-Niland Café

Colo, Iowa

Submitted By: Jan Gammon

Officers and Consuls in Attendance:

Co-President: John Fitzsimmons

Treasurer: Joyce Ausberger

Secretary: Jan Gammon

State Director: Dean Parr

Director At Large: Van Becker

Cedar County- Joe Goodlove

Tama County: Allan Richards

Marshall County: Harlan Quick

Story County: Scott Berka

Boone County: John Fitzsimmons

Greene County: Joyce Ausberger

Others in Attendance: Lyell Henry, Bob Ausberger, Brad Boustead, Bryan Osberg, Bev Becker, Margaret Elbert, Peter Benson, Frank Brown, Nelda Brown, Carroll Stokesbary, Marcus Pope, Kristine Pope, Jeannie Parr

Called to Order: John Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

Secretary Report: The minutes were e-mailed out and some hard copies were available. Barbara had one minor correction about Santa Maria Winery and it should read "The Santa Maria Winery is concentrating on producing wine, but will also be available as an event center for meetings and programs." Jan will make this change and it was moved by Joyce to accept the secretary report with that correction. It had a second and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There is a total balance of \$9,141.70 in the checking account and \$5,991.47 in the investment account. The Jeff Benson Endowment portion is \$1,253.76 and the Hamilton and Greene County grant has a balance of \$1,433. Joyce is now selling Conference T-shirts for \$8 apiece and brought some with her. The T-shirts cost \$653.26 to make and we have taken in \$780.00. So we have made money on them. Joyce applied for money from the Greene County Motel Tax Fund for \$3,000 to pay for a Lincoln Highway marker and interpretive panel in the Jefferson East Entrance Improvement Project. Joyce reminded the group that the Jeff Benson memorial is to go towards a Story County brochure. Margaret Ebert and her son, Peter, will gather the information and Prairie Rivers is to help with layout. There was some confusion as to the remaining funds from the Denison Chamber grant for the conference. Joyce sent them the dollars back to be donated to the fairgrounds and Jeanne thought money received was to reimburse the Hy-Vee bill and Denison had the overage to be sent to the

fairgrounds. Jeanne and Joyce will check into this. Jeanne moved and Lyell seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Dean Parr said we have 5 new Iowa members and 3 new National to make a total of 292 members. We have 24 Complementary, 23 IMM, 61 Iowa only, 12 Lifetime, and 172 National.

State Director Update: Dean gave Joyce a framed "Certificate of Existence" from the Iowa Secretary of State to hang in the ILHA museum. Brennan Dolan at the IDOT would like a copy of the case study regarding the Eureka Bridge to use in the DOT rewriting the process for state/federal funds. Dean had a Proclamation from Denison regarding the National Conference. He gave it to Joyce to frame and hang in the museum. He also has a letter from Nationals awarding us the \$3,000 for the Tama Bridge. He will hand onto it for now. Jan will write a letter and Dean will edit and sign it to request the funds be sent to us. Brad asked if anyone has researched the plaque on the bridge from a company in Strawberry Point that built it. He wondered if the company or its remains still exists. No one has, but should be looked into.

Brian Suen, Nevada Director, sent Dean a link to an article in a motorcycling magazine. It is a few years old, but we did share it on the website. It has about 4 paragraphs of Iowa info and about 4 photos from Iowa. Bryan would like a blurb in the next newsletter about this- with the link to get to the full article.

Director at Large Report: Van commented that the LHA group really liked the Boulders facility and is happy the Boone, Iowa is getting a new Boulders motel soon. The Cedar Rapids route is a mess. Mount Vernon Road is getting redone and a bypass on the west side of town will connect to #100. In the Bohemian Alps in Tama County, light grading has been done almost to the John Ernst Winery (which is no longer and the grape vines have been removed.) This is to make way for the 4-lane.

The next conferences are in New Jersey (2018), Wyoming (2019) and Joliet, Ill (2020)

Newsletter Report: Please send in articles, events and photos. They can also be used on the website. Kristine would like the next newsletter deadline. Jan will get that to her.

Website Report: Same as above for newsletter. Send info in- especially events- and Meredith will get them posted.

2017 Iowa Motor Tour Update: Bryan said 20 people went on the tour. They had good weather and good times. Joyce wondered if he submitted an article to the Forum. Dean said Bryan should go ahead and submit it. He had some funds leftover from 2016 tour that he used towards the 2017 tour. He is still in the black on this. He has some people from other groups that might join in- like a Mustang Club

Prairie Rivers of Iowa Corridor Management Plan: Jan reported that they are still waiting to hear on the ArtPlace America grant to do work at Preston's Station in Belle Plaine, Reed-Niland in Colo, and Youngville.

She and the other Byways had a booth at the Iowa State fair. They gave out 2200 Iowa Byway brochures and many Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway brochures, as well as ILHA brochures and newsletters.

Jan shared information from Cathie Nichols that she has located the two ladies who own land on the south side of the Lincoln Highway, near the west Wapsi Bridge between Calamus and Wheatland. They are not interested in selling the land, but have not said “no” to a lease. From Cathie’s email “they do have some (reasonable) questions before they say yes or no. First, they want to know what the liability would be if someone fell and got hurt on the trail- would that be our responsibility if we’re leasing the land, or would it be theirs? The second question is -how much of their land do we need? I told them we would go ahead with the park either way, but having that piece of land with the original highway that people could actually walk on would greatly enhance the history and experience for visitors. We need to figure out how far we would want to go down the pavement- 100 feet? ¼ mile? Once that is determined, I can go to the courthouse and (hopefully) figure out from the county maps how big that portion would be. Also, how would we ensure that visitors wouldn’t just go off into the distance, out of the portion that we would be in control of? I hope I can get some answers at this meeting, so I can get back to them reasonably soon. One thing I thought might be nice is if the ladies agree to our use of their property, we give them one year ILHA memberships so they can get the newsletter and see how we’re doing. What does everyone think? “

Jan shared a map of the proposed park. Van would like a copy of it. Joe thinks the saw tooth portion was not part of the Lincoln Highway. Joyce suggested that if we lease the land, we take out an insurance policy to be held harmless. Jan read information from the Iowa Bar website that “Renters, owners, or residents may be found liable for injuries they caused by negligent maintenance, oversight, or attack by pets; however, property owners who permit others to use their land without charge for recreational purposes may be completely immune to any claim for unsafe conditions, however flagrant.” Allan, being an attorney, said that anyone can sue anyone, but government entities cannot be sued. Joyce moved that the ILHA pursue the lease option and can agree upon acres later. She does not want to do a survey though as it is very costly. The group asked her to amend her motion to see if the DNR or County would lease the land for perhaps 50 years as they are immune from being sued. Allan seconded and the motion passed.

New Business:

Merchant Membership: John asks the county consul go out and sell within your counties. Businesses in Greene County, Boone County, DeWitt, and some in Western Iowa have been merchant members for a year now. John, Joyce, and Barb will be going out and asking people to renew. We have made about \$840 from this project with 11 members. John would like to see a pop-up or slider on the front web page to promote the program. Jan will talk to Meredith about this. John also wonders how many hits the webpage and merchant page get. Joyce suggests that someone from outside your county go with you to sell. She and John had Meredith go with them to sell. Prairie Rivers has extra member info and stickers if you need them.

Herring Hotel: Bob introduced Kristine Pope and her husband, Marcus. They have now transferred the hotel to the new 501 (c)3 –Herring Hotel Foundation. The building is on the National Register. The City of Belle Plaine has hired a structural engineer to relook at building. A report was done in 2015, but the City wants an updated one. The community has some doubters on their project and the Main Street program has not been as supportive as hoped. They are looking for 3 people from the Lincoln Highway Association to serve on their board. Bob is on the board already, but if 3 others want to be on it, he will step aside. The board will have quarterly meetings and will set up phone meetings for emergencies or if unable to come to the meeting. Kristine said the Vinton newspaper has been great in getting the Herring Hotel story out.

Bob told a story about the 11 block brick street in Woodbine. At first the town was divided on whether to save it or replace it. Now that most of it has been restored, the town embraces it. Sometimes communities don't realize what they have.

Tama Bridge

Lyell said he was contacted by Paula Mohr, SHPO Office, regarding the Tama Bridge. She is asking what is "historical" about the bridge. He had emailed about 8 members prior to this meeting about her question. After some discussion, Lyell will respond that the side panels and location of the bridge (on the Lincoln Highway). The decking is not historical.

County Reports

Clinton County: Cathie had sent her report in an email. The Wapsi bridge portion was already reported. The rest of her report: "I sold two T-shirts on the Motor Tour in August and donated one for a raffle prize as Joyce suggested. Tell her I'll send her the money as soon as I find where I put it (I'm sure I'll find it before Christmas). I went to the Wheatland Car Show this month and set up a table to recruit new members, sell t-shirts, and talk about the bridge/park project. Didn't sell any shirts there, but got 1 new Iowa membership which should be in the mail. There was a lot of interest in the bridges. I brought my large poster from the conference, and a lot of people stopped to look at it. When we figure out what we're going to do, I'll schedule meetings around the county to talk about it to the general public.

I spoke to the owner of the Winsther Motel in DeWitt, the only original Lincoln Highway Motel left in town, about doing a Lincoln Highway themed room. I was told by people who attended the conference that the motel's rooms have themes, and when they stayed there and asked about a Lincoln Highway room, they were told there wasn't one. I gave him some information this summer about the importance of promoting the Lincoln Highway, as travelers like to stay in original motels. I gave him a map pack and several different pamphlets I had, and told him to get back to me if he wanted to do a LH room and I could help him with items. Haven't heard back, but I hope to check back with him soon (it's been a busy summer)."

Jan reported that she worked with Grand Mound city staff and Don Kent to get the Byway signs changed and their placement corrected. They should be moved now.

Cathie sent an email after the meeting: "While on the Motor Tour this summer, we made a stop at a place called Wisecup's Farm Museum, in Harrison County. The farm is situated right on the Lincoln Highway. It is a working farm, with lots of exhibits to tour such as a country church and schoolhouse, antique farm equipment and vehicles, rooms set up as a doctor's office, farm kitchen and parlor, and many things I'm probably forgetting. Wisecup's does a lot of school field trips, scheduled tours and programs, and also walk-ins. One thing they don't have is a Lincoln Highway marker. Mr. Wisecup asked us if we knew where he can get one. DeWitt actually has two—one on display at the Central Community Historical Museum, and one (just the head) that is currently stored at the wastewater plant since no one has a plan for it. I thought about asking the city if the broken one can be donated to Wisecup's Farm Museum. Mr. Wisecup says he can replace the shaft, and would mount it along the highway in front of the farm. Before I go to the city administrator and ask for it, does anyone in the ILHA have an objection? I think it would be better displayed at the museum than hidden in the wastewater plant.

Cedar County: Joe shared the good news that the Lincoln Hotel in Lowden has sold. Schliff Corp owns a century farm and they plan to keep the hotel open. The manager lives in Lowden. Their ad in the newsletter expires soon, but the group would like for it to run one more time with a big "SOLD" across the photo. Joyce said it lets people know our ads do work. Joe said the small town of Clarence has been accepted into the Main Street program and had a formal dedication recently.

Linn County: Van says there was marker at Johnson Av NW but he doesn't know where it went.

Benton County: Sandii reported for Mike as he is out East. Youngville has a new governing board. He urges us to affirm support for them. It is \$200 to be a lifetime member and that will go up after the first of the year. Their next meeting is Nov 14 6pm. Joyce says the ILHA gave \$100 for a lifetime membership in 2013. Mike is checking with the DOT on the brown sign placement on Highway 30. They needed a kiosk open 24/7 to be considered for the sign, and the kiosk has been installed. The DOT will work on Benton County from Youngville west in 2022. Mike is working on some digital archiving such as copying Lyell's resources. He will talk more about it at the next meeting.

Tama County: Allan would like to see the Tama LH Bridge closed to traffic, especially semis. There is a marker in Toledo they are keeping instead of placing on the Lincoln Highway. The DOT is starting to work in the Tama to Chelsea portion of the 4 lane. Drew Davis, a Boy Scout, is going to work on the LH Bridge Park as an Eagle Scout project. Allan later had John announce that there will be a fundraiser of some kind for the park/bridge.

Marshall County: Harlan's report is as follows:

State Center continues to celebrate its Sesquicentennial through the rest of the year. We still have copies of our State Center Sesquicentennial book, written by yours truly, for sale at \$10 each; proceeds from the book sales are going to the State Center Historical Society for maintenance on its historical sites.

State Center celebrated its annual Watson's fall Festival on Thursday evening, September 28. It was the final night of this season's weekly Famers Markets. We had live music, horse-drawn hayrides, a Bounce

House, and face painting. In Watson's Grocery, we had a pumpkin decorating contest, a sale of homemade pie, desserts, and ice cream, and a special presentation on "Memories of Watson's Grocery Store" by Bill Watson II, which was videotaped by Mike Kelly.

Our next event will be our Old-fashioned Christmas on Main set for Friday evening, December 1. There will be a live auction, a silent action, a chain saw artist, horse-drawn trolley rides, open house in the various businesses, a craft sale, and an art show.

The State center development Association is restoring the old Evans Café Building on West Main Street, which is also the Lincoln highway. We are adding a second floor to the building to return it to its original appearance in 1895.

Work continues on the Centre Station Depot. The platform and exterior work are now completed and interior work is in process. We are restoring the wainscoting on the lower walls and bead-board on the upper walls and ceiling. We hope to have it completed, staged, and open for public viewing at Old – fashioned Christmas in December.

Marshalltown will be hosting their Jean Seberg Festival of the Arts on Friday and Saturday, November 3 and 4, in the restored Orpheum Theater on East Main Street, also along the Lincoln Highway.

On Saturday, November 18, Marshalltown will hold its Annual Holiday Stroll & Tiny Tim Festival of Trees along Main Street in the downtown area.

Story County: Sandii had the Reed-Niland station open for a few extra days this fall. It was not heavily advertised, but well attended. Had 3 car roll ins this summer. Carroll Stokesbary suggested they be open for Trick-or-Treating. The Café had had some exterior painting done. They had a paranormal company come back with new equipment and she has a report she would share with anyone interested. There are some clips on the website. The station and kitchen see the most activity.

Scott reported that the neon at Reed-Niland be repaired. Lyell wrote a letter to the Development Group pointing out the need. Scott says locals need to be involved but sometimes outsiders are more effective. Scott sees the Burma Shave signs outside need to be repainted too. The NorthWoods tour came through this summer after the conference and they had good comments about the Reed-Niland. Hubbard moved a barn to main street after Scott and others planted some seeds a year ago. The Jefferson highway Byway signs will go up in 2018. Scott is resigning as Story County Consul and would like Carroll Stokesbary to take his place. Carroll accepted. Carroll has been a volunteer tour guide for the station and loves sharing the history with kids and sees the need to "awaken towns" to the Lincoln Highway and what it is about.

Boone County: John asked Jan to talk about YesterBoone. She had a Byway booth in the main level of the Boone History Center and passed out many ILHA brochures to gain the group more members. There were many displays set up in Boone, Ogden, and Ledges. They ranged from theater performances,

music, BBQ contest, bicycles, aircraft, city maps, to homemade soaps. This was the first year for the event and it will be held again next year.

Greene County: Joyce gave the report as Bob Owens is riding a wine/dinner train today on Boone. She said the Museum is getting still getting quite a few visitors- many of them really excited about the Lincoln highway. One guy's favorites are the UP and the Lincoln and here we have both! Joyce wrote a grant for \$3,000 for signage in the east Jefferson entrance project. Signage will be near/around the marker there. The signs at the LH Garden and Moss markers will be installed soon. She went to a Jefferson tourism meeting and found out about this money left over that she could apply for. So she encourages everyone to attend meetings like this in your community and you might be surprised what will come of it.

Carroll County: Barbara sent in her report: "I have begun visiting the people/businesses who did not renew their LHA memberships and trying to find new members. Not much luck so far.

Manning is celebrating its Oktoberfest and the centennial of the Leet-Hessler farmstead at the Hausbarn Heritage Park today, the 14th. A full day of activities is planned. The brewery mentioned in the July report is scheduled to be in full operation by January. It is located on the corner of 5th and Clark Streets, just a block south of Highway 30."

Crawford County: No report.

Harrison County: No report.

Pottawattamie County: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 and the group was served soup and sandwiches..

Next meetings:

January 13, 2018 State Center, Business Meeting

April 14, 2018- Cedar County, General Meeting