



Cass County Historical Commission

Officers: Amy East, Chair, Vice Chairperson - Allen Butchbaker – Jane Bergman, Secretary/Treasurer - Members-at-Large
Dianna McGrew - Ann File - Jean Schultz - Nate Robinson - Matthew Bussler

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Newton Home
20689 Marcellus Hwy.

Decatur, MI 49045

JUNE 9, 2022 – 5:00 p.m

- I. Call to Order – *Chair, Amy East***
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Agenda**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May 12, 2022 meeting**
- V. Financial Report**
- VI. Bills**
- VII. Old Business**
 - 1. Newton Home Lease**
 - 2. Open House Schedule**
 - 3. Bath Plans**
- VIII. New Business**
 - 1. Per Diems/Mileage**
- IX. Committee Reports**
 - 1. Newton House**
 - 2. Outreach – Walking Tour**
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Adjournment**

**CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Date May 12, 2022

Time: 5:06 p.m.

Board Members present: Allen Butchbaker X, Jane Bergman X, Amy East X, Annie File X, Dianna McGrew X, Nate Robinson X, Jean Schultz X.

Also present: Zane Lankford.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Allen Butchbaker at 6:05 pm.

Approval of the Agenda: Nate Robinson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dianna McGrew and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jean Schultz to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022, seconded by Nate Robinson and motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Jean Schultz to approve the financial report, seconded by Dianna McGrew and motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Nate Robinson to approve payment of the December bills, seconded by Annie File and motion carried.

New Business:

1. Election of Chair to Serve Until Regular Elections in August: Dianna McGrew nominated Amy East for Chair. Amy East agreed to the nomination and Nate Robinson made a motion to close the nominations. Annie File seconded the motion and the motion carried. Amy East was elected by a unanimous voice vote to serve as Chair.
2. Newton House Kitchen: Zane Lankford reported that the cabinets, sink and appliances for the utility kitchen had been purchased from Lowe's and had been delivered. The installation would be scheduled soon.
3. Plans for the Bathroom Renovation: Zane reported on the progress made on the bathroom renovation. The old fixtures had been removed. Nate Robinson and Ron McAdam had hung new drywall. Ron had hung wallpaper. The electrician and plumbers had been contacted.
4. Bills for the Restoration: Jean Schultz made a motion to allow Zane Lankford to submit the receipts for paint, the pedestal sink, faucets, and light fixtures to the

Historical Commission for reimbursement. Amy East seconded and the motion carried.

5. Matt Bussler's July Presentation: Amy East agreed to contact Matt Bussler to see if he still plans to deliver a presentation to the Historical Society in July or if he would like to designate someone else from the tribe to make a presentation.

Committee Reports:

1. Newton House: Nate Robinson pointed out that Midwest Energy is still funding grants for 501-c3 non-profit organizations. Amy East plans to look into projects that would likely qualify.
2. Outreach: Amy East reported that she and Ron McAdam were working closely with John Weupper and Barbara Gordon on the walking tour of Cassopolis. She reported that Dave Kring had indicated that he would like to help and Jean Schultz said she would like to be involved as well.
3. The Red Brick School: Jean Schultz stressed the importance of getting some movement on the Red Brick School. She agreed to contact the new superintendent to discuss the status of the lease. Dianna McGrew will contact Ron McAdam to get the keys to the building.
4. General Discussion: Kurt Weismus would like permission to email the Historical Society's newsletter to members of the Gard family. Nate will contact Wrightway about the lawn service contract. Allen Butchbaker reminded the board of his upcoming presentation on the history of Wakelee.

Public Comment:

Zane Lankford reported on the recent meeting of Imagine Cass that featured students from Michigan State University who had visited the village and reported on their first impressions, both positive and negative. The students stressed the advisability of highlighting aspects of the unique history of Cassopolis to attract and interest visitor

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Secretary,

Jane L. Bergman