

Des Moines County Pioneer Cemetery Commission Meeting and Work Session

5:30 p.m., 11 May 2015, corner of Iowa City Rd. & 160th St.

Present: Alan Mohr, Kenton Klenk, Steve Stoller, Stacy Bliesener, Herb Price, Paul French

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by chairman Herb Price.

Public input: None

Agenda: approved with no changes.

Minutes of previous meeting: approved. Motion by Kenton Klenk, seconded by Steve Stoller.

Communications: there have been changes in the procedures at the courthouse for paying bills. Stacy will meet with Terri Johnson at the courthouse to make sure we're on track with the changes.

Old Business

A. Dravis tree removal – still pending.

B. Avery gravestone resetting – still pending. We may want a new base for a marker at Spring Creek in the IAAP as well.

C. Old Danville – Johnny Wischmeier will spray herbicide twice to prepare the area for planting native plants. The commission will ask Joy Cornwell to contribute \$100 toward the cost of that and will make up the difference, or pay the entire cost if she wishes to use her \$100 for other purposes. Cost for seeding the area will be in the next fiscal year. Motion to approve by Kenton Klenk, seconded by Alan Mohr. Approved.

The commission will need to coordinate with our mower, Joe Doss, about mowing requirements once the area is seeded. Herb will take care of that.

Steve said LeRoy Lippert has been mowing the front part of the cemetery because he thought it wasn't being mowed frequently enough. He was also interested in spraying for dandelions and Steve told him if he sprays he should submit a bill.

New Business

A. Hazel Grove fence – Gerald Janssen, our mowing contractor, will repair the fence for \$300 plus materials. Existing posts will be used with new wire and perhaps a gate. Motion to approve by StaceyBliesener, seconded by Paul French. Approved.

B. Future Work Sessions

1. Mathis – Install sign (Steve has contacted land owner in the past)
2. Berry – Clear brush (Steve has contacted land owner in the past)
3. Old Middletown (Issues with access on weekdays. Herb and Paul will visit the cemetery to evaluate needed work)
4. Spring Creek and Avery – re-flag markers in need of new bases?, remove bush in Spring Creek, misc. stone straightening. Herb will contact the IAAP to determine what needs to be done to renew security badges.
5. Driskill – minor removal of brush, spray stone.
6. Meyers – minor brush removal.

7. Siefkin – brush removal, spray brush.
8. Wykert – straighten single stone.

The decision was made to delay the work session at Berry due to weather and other commitments by commission members. Berry work session rescheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 18. Next work session will be at Siefken.

Herb requested payment for 2 lifting slings and sought input about purchase of materials to construct a tripod hoist for lifting gravestones. Motion to approve by Steve Stoller, seconded by Alan Mohr. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.