

Adams County Historic Preservation Commission
Wednesday, August 27, 2025, Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandra Leininger at 6:00 PM. Commissioners present included Nancy Carmichael, Jon Brokaw, Roger Hull, Marti Gebbie, Jo Bissell, Jim Reynolds, Mike Cormack. Absent Commissioners were Linda Sargent, Dick Blazek and Linda Newsome. The agenda was reviewed and approved by motion Hull second by Gebbie. All Ayes. Gebbie moved seconded by Brokaw to approve July minutes as corrected. All Ayes. The FY25 budget was briefly discussed. No votes were taken.

Business:

Leininger and Carmichael attended a BOS meeting to discuss signage for the National Register properties and the upcoming WWI displays. Commissioners Gebbie & Leininger will be on the next Carbon Council meeting agenda and Bissell will get on the Nodaway Council agenda in the near future.

Leininger presented the completed aluminum signage for the House of History and Opera House at a cost of \$297.50 ea. The Snider Bridge, Wayside Inn mockups from Prison Industries were presented. Gebbie moved and Bissell seconded approval of the mockups and the completed signage and authorize payment for all signage as presented.

A WWI fixed display for October 16 through November 12, 2025 will be brought to Corning. Contact has been made with Michael Vogt, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum curator about doing programing for the community and school. Locations to be determined. A historic walking tour brochure sample was presented for review. It will be on the next agenda. Commissioners will host the display when open and proposed dates were provided. Various other resources will be sought from the Corning American Legion, Williamson Legion, and Kline Museum. Notices asking for Adams County connections to WWI will be placed via Facebook, newspaper, radio, our website, etc. An entry advertising the display in the Homecoming parade was also discussed.

Leininger will keep in touch with Dennis & Cris about a spring 2026 workshop date at Mt Pleasant Cemetery.

Leininger shared the Larson family's ties to the Rockdale cemetery and their willingness to finance the work with it's National Register of Historic Places application. Leininger put them in touch with Tallgrass Archeology. They also sent a photo of a new slab of concrete and memorial bench installed by the family at the cemetery.

Carmichael asked for input from Commissioners regarding Leininger oral history questions. Topics suggested were community celebrations, work history, where to do research, Icaria, Wayside Inn, NFO, Johnny Carson, Adams County coal mines, major businesses or people. Volunteers were sought for the House of History open dates. Notice was given of a Section 106 review coming for the September meeting. A discussion regarding the formation of a Friends group was held. The next meeting will be held on September 17, 2025, at City Hall. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Carmichael, Secretary Pro Tem