

**MINUTES**  
**TETON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING**  
**TETON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

February 9th; 7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Stern called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT WERE:** Michael Stern, Treasurer; Sherry Smith, Ryan Nourai, Andy Salter, Mackenzie King, Kurt Dubbe, and Kristine Abbey, board members. Staff members Susan Eriksen-Meier and Clare Stumpf were present. WYDOT representative Stephanie Lowe was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Participation in Bridge Replacement: WYDOT*

Cultural resources specialist for WYDOT Stephanie Lowe grew up in Cheyenne and is familiar with CLGs. She shared information regarding the Snake River Bridge south of Jackson which is planned for replacement. WYDOT is paying for 90% of the project and doing the design and Teton County is paying for the rest. The decision to replace the bridge has already been made. WYDOT is required by law to invite local bodies to participate in mitigation meetings. The deadline for participating is next Tuesday and then the meetings will be scheduled. Salter asked about alternatives and Lowe said there is no choice but to replace the bridge with a new one. Building a bridge north or south of the current bridge would be too costly. Lowe would love to see something creative done with the historic bridge. Lowe sent letters to the property owners surrounding the bridge. Dubbe suggested seeing if Munger Mountain School would like to take parts of the bridge since it is so close to the site. Smith wondered why the board is just hearing about this plan now. Lowe responded that she would like to do more advanced outreach. Stern suggested bringing this topic up with the County. Dubbe and Salter will be the point people for this issue. Eriksen-Meier will send Lowe the emails of those who want to be involved and Lowe will follow up with meeting invites.

*Committee to Oversee CLG Project*

The grant was approved for \$13,500 for mapping. The grant is for the board to create a digital database of information and make it publicly accessible. The goal is to integrate with a Town and County GIS. It needs to be easily updated and managed. The Community Foundation Grant was declined and all the paperwork has been sent to the county. The Board needs to decide whether or not they want to contribute the approximately \$5,000 difference to make up the remaining cost of the project. Stern will help oversee this project. Eriksen-Meier said that

Betsey Engle is technically the project coordinator according to the state contract and Stern is the treasurer. The Board of County Commissioners needs to sign the contract. Dubbe asked whether if the funding is approved if the board will be solid financially. Stern said that the board has the resources to fill the gap. Dubbe makes a motion to approve the funding and Smith seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

#### *Demolition Committee*

Eriksen-Meier spoke with Kelly Bowlin. Bowlin will send everything to the board email address. However, the board is still not communicating well with planning staff on these issues. The board is not receiving adequate submissions. King noted some inconsistencies and lack of photographs. It would be nice to sit down with Bowlin and make sure everyone is on the same page. Eriksen-Meier, King, and Stern will request a meeting with Paul Anthony and Bowlin to sort out these procedures.

#### *Recruit Board Member(s)*

Stern reported that Katherine Wonson and Monay Olson are no longer on the board. Although it is not an urgent need, the board needs to recruit more people to ensure the board has enough people. Smith said that the board is in need of people who are trained in historic preservation and/or real estate. Smith's term is ending in May, although the board hopes that she will reapply! Stern suggested reaching out to Sherry Daigle and Smokey Rhea. Dubbe will reach out the Rhea. Smith suggested thinking about people from the National Park Service. Wonson and Morgan Jaouen could be good people to ask about potential board members.

#### *20 E. Hansen*

No update.

#### *445 E. Kelly Brown Property RFP*

Stern, Nourai, and King met with April Norton. It is exciting to hear that King will be able to attend the charette meetings. Of the two schemes, they would like to keep the Brown residence on site, maybe in its original location. One scheme relocates the shop building to Miller Park. The Brown family would be interested in relocating it to their property in Idaho if not. Stern suggested that if there are historical artifacts that they can go to the museum. King added that Patty Patterson found a few slides from the early 1970s and they need to be converted into photographs. King will take the lead and she is excited about this project

#### *Frank Johnson Memorial Fund*

Abbey Reported that the online donation form will be sent out to different groups. Eriksen-Meier suggested sending it to parents of potential students. Smith added that Frank's widow would also like to be involved and can reach out to St. John's Church. She will talk to Jaouen as well.

### *Miscellaneous Grant Update*

Smith's got an email about a grant program through SHPO. The deadline is March 1st. Dubbe added that the criteria are pretty broad. It is a modest amount of funding, but the JHSM may want to apply. Stern suggested that this grant could be good for the Nurses' Quarters project. She will share this opportunity with Brigid Mander.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

### *Action Items*

#### 105 Mercill Demo Permit

JHSM just moved out of this building. This permit pertains to the Coe Cabin foundations and the Wylie building, which is a storage building. It is unclear when the building was originally constructed and it could have been relocated. King moved to not recommend a stay. Salter seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Eriksen-Meier will alert Bowlin.

#### 135 N. Cache Street

Abbey dropped a letter off to the Hotel Jackson owners and they are very open to talking. They have no intention of bringing down Gaslight Alley. They intend to do a nice walkway around the new building. If the board wants anything from the building, they can do that and the family is also doing their own research. They will happily share copies of their photos. Salter moves to approve the demolition permit after the expiration of the stay if the board actually did receive the stay. Abbey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. King and Abbey will work together to get interior and exterior photos.

### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting is March 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Board Terms:

Monay Olson 6/30/21

Sherry Smith 6/30/21

Ryan Nourai 6/30/22

Kristine Abbey 6/30/22

Kurt Dubbe 6/30/22

Mackenzie King 6/30/23

Michael Stern 6/30/23

Andy Salter 6/30/23