

**Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011 – 6:00 PM
NPS Office – Eads, CO**

Present: Alexa Roberts; Jeff Campbell, Betsy Barnett; Kim Barlow; Kelly Courkamp; Danny Richards; Sharon Johnson

Absent: None

- 1. Call to order – The regular meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Chairperson, Alexa Roberts. A quorum was present.**
- 2. Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Barlow. Second by Barnett. Approved.**
- 3. Opening remarks – Roberts thanked Barlow for hosting the previous meeting in her home and for all the accomplishments made at the last meeting in Roberts' absence.**
- 4. Minutes – Courkamp moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Campbell. Approved.**
- 5. Reports –**
 - a. Cultural Landscapes Workshop – Roberts and Johnson reported on attending the Cultural Landscapes Workshop in Denver on October 4/5, 2011. The two-day workshop was very informative but somewhat academic. Roberts and Johnson were able to meet with Dan Corson and Laurie Simmons regarding the CLG Grant on the Towner Bus Tragedy project for KCHPC. The contract has been let with FRRA and just needs to be signed and returned to FRRA for work to begin. Roberts will complete the task.**
- 6. Unfinished business –**
 - a. Towner Bus Tragedy Project – see 5.a. above**
 - b. Budget – Johnson presented a preliminary budget for 2012 and asked for comments. Discussion followed regarding grant amounts to request for projects in 2012 in addition to the Towner Bus Tragedy Project that will continue. The budget request for 2012 as follows will be presented to the BOCC for the budget hearing.**

Supplies	200
Postage	100
Copying/Printing	200
Dues	200
Meetings/Travel	600
Survey Grant	0
Misc	200
CLG Grant	<u>22500</u>
Total	24000

c. Kiosk content – Roberts requested that KCHPC map an historic tour loop to be included in the SECORHT Kiosk to be erected in Eads at the rest stop. This will be a part of the Wayfinding Project for SECORHT that encompasses a six-county area of southeastern Colorado and its historic sites and/or points of interest. The Commission chose for the Eads kiosk map the following sites: Methodist Church; Elementary School; Old Gym; Weisbrod Hospital and Nursing Home; Eads Fire House; Town Hall Building; Plains Theatre; Museum; Murdock/Bransgrove Building; Courthouse; Stop & Shop Grocery Store; and the American Legion Hall. Courkamp will obtain pictures of the sites, burn them to a CD and deliver it to Janet Frederick (NPS) for the SECORHT Kiosk meeting.

7. New business –

a. Priorities for CLG grants – Roberts presented a list of possible CLG Grant options for 2012. They included; additional national and/or state register nominations; rural survey (between the towns); completion of the interactive map as planned by Joy Lujan of NPS RTCA. The Commission decided to request funds for national and or state register nominations as some of the sites are in jeopardy. The following sites are to be a priority: National Register – Old Gym; Methodist Church; Lumber Yard; Haswell School; Courthouse; State Register – Jackson Barn; Missouri Pacific Railroad Depot in Haswell; Haswell Post Office; Sheridan Lake School. The Commission will request \$20,000 in CLG funds and employ FRRA to research nominations as far as the money will extend.

b. Oil and Gas leasing – threats to historic properties and landscapes – Roberts and Johnson reported on information gained at the Cultural Landscapes Workshop on the potential threats to landscapes and sites due to oil and gas drilling. It is especially pertinent to Kiowa County with the current glut of oil and gas leasing occurring presently. Johnson recommended viewing a documentary film titled “Gasland” to become educated as to the potential consequences. Discussion followed regarding the Commission’s lack of authority in matters of county land use.

8. Public forum – none

9. Announcements – none

10. Adjournment – Barlow moved to adjourn. Second by Courkamp. Approved.