CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
Chair Vicki Twinde-Javner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:
MOTION by Schuppel/Doering to approve the minutes of May 4, 2018. Motion carried with one absent - Plesha.

BARB KOOIMAN’S SUBGRANT PROJECT UPDATE
A written update from Barbara Kooiman was distributed to the committee. A summary of her progress is as follows:

1) Barb met with Daina Penkiunas with the State Historic Preservation Office when she came here to La Crosse County to see the sites that Barn surveyed. She was here for about a half day on Tuesday, May 8th. They looked at all of the sites that Barb thought were potentially eligible. Daina actually thought a few of them were not eligible, however, putting them in the survey was a good idea in case those property owners decide later they’d like to pursue National Register listing, then there is at least the preliminary data in their Architectural/History database. A few sites that were previously surveyed which she felt warranted being considered for National Register eligibility were also discussed.

2) Barb is doing more intense research on the properties which we felt were potentially NRHP eligible, as that information will go in the final report for the intensive survey.

3) Barb is working on a text only draft to get the Commission by early July.

4) Barb has had discussions with Joe DeRose from the Wisconsin Historical Society regarding survey criteria.

Also, discussion ensued regarding setting a date for a proposed meeting with landowners and members of the public to discuss any possible properties that will be considered eligible for the National Register. Joe De Rose will be attending. The meeting will be in the evening so property owners can attend. The first two Tuesday evenings in August were suggested as dates. Twinde-Javner will check on room availability in the County building, and discuss with Joe De Rose these possible dates to see his availability.

OEHLER MILL DISCUSSION
Discussion ensued again about Rev John Swing’s letter concerning the preservation of the Oehler Mill. Chair Twinde-Javner will write a letter to him with contact information of contractors who work on historic buildings.
Possible Nominations

- St. John’s Lutheran Church in Barre Mills – No report.
- The Gas Station that was moved to the Middle Ridge School – Discussion that since the gas station is in the same location as the Middle Ridge School, the Commission could possible amend the original nomination to include the gas station. Twinde-Javner will try to contact the Middle Ridge School organization to see if they have some history on the gas station.
- Camp Decorah (Boy Scout Camp) – King Holley/Gathering information.
- Veteran’s Memorial Park and Campground – Doering will look through files at the library. Twinde-Javner will check with the facilities department to see if they have any historical documents relating to the park and possibly the Works Progress Administration (1930’s) records from when the bridge and a few of the buildings were built. Mary Kaufmann from the La Crosse County Facilities Department will be kept informed as the process moves forward.
- Big Creek Mill – No report.
- Mindoro Cut – 108 and C. Stay with County right of way.

Tour
Consensus by the committee was to schedule a tour in the fall when the weather is cooler. Also if Barb Kooiman’s report is complete by September, the committee could tour some of the properties that she nominated. The tour would likely happen at the October 5th meeting.

Printing
Consensus that the printing budget will be used to print copies of the updated County Survey Barb Kooiman is working on. Discussion ensued about locations to distribute the materials.

Commission Member Assignment
Due to the death of Anne Loomis, discussion ensued regarding soliciting for another citizen member for the Commission. Twinde-Javner passed out the new application that will be used for all County commissions provided by the County Board Chair. Consensus that the Commission would like to see someone from the West Salem or Bangor area historical societies to fill the vacancy. Twinde-Javner will reach out to the chairs of both the Bangor and West Salem historical societies to see if they have people that would be interested in serving.

Items for Future Agenda: None

Next Meeting: August 3, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjourn Motion by Sween/Holley to adjourn. Motion carried with one absent – Plesha.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Approved August 3, 2018, Alice Sorenson, Recorder