

Byron Museum Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The regular meeting of the Byron Museum of History was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Randy Stukenberg, Cindy Storz, Brenda Crabel, and Jim Hess Absent: Jim Eisfeller. Also Present: Executive Director Marian Michaelis

Action Item #1 Approve Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Hess to approve the agenda as presented seconded by Commissioner Storz and unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by voice vote.

Action Item #2 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2023, Motion made by Commissioner Storz to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hess. Motion was unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by voice vote.

Action Item #3 Approval of Expenses: Motion made by Commissioner Hess to approve the expenses as presented and file the financial report for audit, seconded by Commissioner Crabel. Motion was unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by roll call.

Director's Report:

1. IDNR Grant: All known expenses have been paid and initial expense reports have been sent to Lucas Group. Their invoice should be the last expense. The CPA's attestation will take some time but I hope to send the final billing packet to the IDNR by July 1 but there is no guarantee. That being said, we are still not ready to open the exhibit. I estimate another six weeks of deliveries and tweaking.
2. Fundraiser: County Market donated a bottle of Calumet 16 year old Bourbon worth \$169.99 to be raffled off and 100% of funds raised were given to the museum on April 8 totaling \$290.

3. **Upcoming Events: Model Car & Toy Swap Meet** is being held here on April 30 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event is being treated like a rental.

We will be hosting the **Farmers Market vendors pot luck** on May 3 and they will decide if they want any indoor market dates this fall or next spring. We have been giving several tours this month.

Recent tours: Kings School 50# kids will be here tomorrow and the senior's club *Fun a Month* will be here Thursday. Wesley Willows has brought two groups in the last two weeks.

ByronFest/Quilt Show is July 7, 8, and 9.

We will be hosting a **Glass Class** on July 22.

Donations: Spencer Rifle: We will be accepting a Spencer repeating rifle used by Joseph Norton during the Civil War. This is a very exciting donation because of the direct relationship of this rifle, Byron, the IL 92nd and the new exhibit. It will be one of the most valuable artifacts in the museum's collection surpassed only by the Model TT truck! The descendant is traveling from Denver the first week of June and will deliver the Spencer along with some Norton family documents.

Mary Elizabeth "Hogan" Bontjes, age 95, died Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Generations at Neighbor's. (See obituary) Mary's sons Craig and Alan have been cleaning out Mary's house and plan to sell it. They have brought in multiple collections for donation including military uniforms, photographs, Byron memorabilia, and family records with the understanding that the museum will sort out any items to be accepted into the museum's collection and donate or dispose of the rest.

Discussion Item #1 Statements of Economic Interest: Distributed and executed by those present.

Action Item #4 Closed Session: Motion made at 7:08 PM by Hess to enter into closed session to discuss ongoing PTAB litigation and OCIAB minutes, seconded by Storz. Motion was unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by roll call.

Action Item #5 Closed Session: Motion made at 7:37 PM by Storz to come out of closed session, seconded by Hess. Motion was unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by roll call.

Action Item #6: Motion made by Crabel to Authorize Director Michaelis as the Museum's OCIAB representative to vote in favor of an agreement between the Ogle County Intergovernmental Association Board of taxing bodies and Constellation Energy Generation LLC that includes the elimination of all past and pending litigation, seconded by Hess. Motion was unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by roll call.

Action Item #5 Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. was made by Commissioner Storz, seconded by Commissioner Hess, and unanimously approved by the commissioners in attendance by voice vote.