

Post Rock Limestone Coalition
Minutes of Meeting
May 26, 2021

The bi-monthly meeting of the Post Rock Limestone Coalition Board of Directors was conducted on May 26, 2021. Some members attended the meeting in La Crosse at the Kansas Barbed Wire Museum in person and some members attended via Zoom. Those in attendance are listed on the attached register.

President Brad Penka called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Jeanie Stramel gave the Treasures report. Jeannie reported that the balance in our bank account was \$49,339.41. Grants of \$20,000 and \$40,000 have been received as well as membership fees in our organization.

Christina made a motion to accept the report and Tammy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

~~With the resignation of~~ Andy Stanton, *since being hired* several months ago the organization had been without a vice-president. Charma Craven has agreed to serve in that position until the next election. Her offer to serve as vice-president was accepted by the Board of Directors.

Brad reported that annual reports: IRS 990-N and Kansas Secretary of State have been properly filed. Grant reports to several agencies were delinquent. We were able to obtain extensions on most. The Hansen Foundation and Golden Belt Community Foundation reports are completed. The Mariah Fund grant is still up in the air.

Brad also reported that he had consulted with the Russell County Historical Society on their new Post Rock diorama and will be setting up a booth at the Russell Prairiesta in June.

The map/field guide discussed. With Andy's departure it had been somewhat up in the air. Kris took over the project and reported that the 18 counties making up Post Rock County are well represented on the guide. Towns in each of the counties are recognized.

The status of the Traveling Exhibit of Post Rock County was evaluated. Last year's summer intern made significant progress setting up the panels of the exhibit. Currently the panels are 42" x 30". They will be reduced to a size of 28" x 40". Brad is in process of completing the panels. Other components for the exhibit were also discussed and an exhibit guide was distributed.

The titles of each panel is:

1. Ocean on the Plains
2. Geology of Post Rock Country
3. Ho for Kansas
4. Kansas Trailblazers
5. A New Way to Live
6. All but the Kitchen Sink

7. A New Life for Post Rock
8. Post Rock Abandoned
9. Post Rock Architecture
10. Additional descriptive panels and interactives

The grant for traveling trunks provided by Golden Belt Community Foundation is complete and the traveling trunks will be ready for distribution this fall. Some contents examined were sets of feathers and wedges, rock kits.

Christina reported on the success of the membership drive.

The topic of small stone post books ends was again discussed. Richard & Kay Mettlen Harper, the gentleman who currently builds these bookends is willing to sell the business. A specific price was not arrived at.

The group went to the Pleasant Point School Museum next door for lunch provided by Rush County Economic Development.

Katrina Ringler reported on the status of the grant for inventory of Post Rock structures in Rush, Russell, Lincoln, and Mitchell counties. A consultant will be chosen in June and the survey will begin shortly thereafter.

Under New Business the purchase of a Flea Market tent was approved. Items for retail were discussed. Christina will create notecards from drawings provided to the organizations. Other items will also be produced.

The book "Land of the Post Rock" was published in the 1970s. Updating the book and reprinting it was viewed as a positive action.

Some of our structures could be listed on the National Registry. The process for doing so will be discussed at our next meeting.

An *Executive Director* consultant will be hired soon, at least by the end of the year. We are looking for someone with knowledge of Post Rock Country.

Christina moved we proceed with posting the Executive Director position. Charma seconded the motion and the motion carried. The next meeting will be July 28, possibly at Beloit. The meeting after that will be in Great Bend in September.

Christina moved the meeting be adjourned. Jeanie Stramel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Terry Bailey,
Secretary

Approved: _____