

The Hiawatha History Commission met on December 9, 2024, at Hiawatha City Hall in Conference Room D with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James. Tom Patterson and Tom Theis also attended.

Interview – Charlaine Meseke

Interview was completed and recorded.

Business:

Marilyn James moved the approval of the agenda, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Approval of the September 9th and November 11th minutes were moved to a later meeting.

Tom Thies attended the meeting to give a brief history of the December Insights question which was about the old viaduct that was on north Center Point Road. He stated that the Illinois Central ran from Manchester to Cedar Rapids through Hiawatha to help grain be delivered to Chicago. The Waterloo/Cedar Falls and Northern Railroad also ran between Cedar Falls and Cedar Rapids on a separate track.

Linn County History Center

Semelroth stated that they met with the Linn County History Center and they will be making stands and video of the recorded interviews. She gave a recap of their meeting with Tara at the History Center. They're looking for more objects from people to be used for the display. It was decided to add this to the January Insights that the History Commission is looking for memorabilia to borrow. Semelroth stated that Tara is still working on coming up with ideas and will get back to them. It was asked if City Manager Dennis Marks could schedule a 75th Birthday Meeting with city staff sometime around the new year for everyone to follow up at.

Next meeting is January 13, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 PM, seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair