

The Hiawatha History Commission met on May 9, 2025, at Hiawatha City Hall in the 3rd Floor Conference Room with Pat Semelroth as Chair calling the meeting to order at 1:48 P.M. Members present: Pat Semelroth and Marilyn James. Chuck Graybell and Tara Templeton with the Linn County History Center attended as guests.

Interview – None

Business:

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

Marilyn James moved the approval of the March 17, 2025 minutes, seconded by Pat Semelroth. Motion carried.

Walking Tour of Hiawatha – Jenny Thielman

Semelroth shared an email from Jenny. Semelroth asked if the Community Center could be reserved the night of the history walk to have refreshments in after the walk. She also asked if we could publish something about it in the June Insights.

Drafts of History Display at Birthday

Tara from the History Center shared her most recent drafts of the banners. She also rescanned some photos to have higher resolution options. She was hoping to get the banners sent to the printer by the next week.

KCRG Our Town

Jamie Fiedler shared updates from the meeting with KCRG and how the Our Town segments would work and the live shots the Friday before the celebration.

Parade Grand Marshal Suggestions

Semelroth gave an update that we were still looking for grand marshals for the parade. It was decided to ask the last three Fay Clark Hall of Fame Award Winners – Tom Theis, Dick Olson and Peg Bader.

Activities for June 14

Recapped activities that former Parks & Rec Directory Kelly Willadsen had scheduled and a few updates that had happened – Fareway donating cupcakes, the Hiawatha Fire Department running the bingo tent.

Future Meeting Dates

Future meeting dates were discussed – it was decided that we would skip the June meeting due to the 75th celebration. July would be July 17th at 9:00 a.m., August would be August 21st at 9:00 a.m. It was discussed it moving forward with the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 am.

Next meeting is July 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

James moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m., seconded by Semelroth. Motion carried.

Pat Semelroth, Chair