

HOUSTON BARN STUDY COMMITTEE
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2021

PRESENT: David Feller, Don Houston, Lee Wilder, Louise Carr

ABSENT: Pete Holmes, Celina Hurley, Jason LaCombe, Justin Perkins, Ben Wilson

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m.

The approval of the May 16th meeting minutes was tabled as we did not have a quorum.

We still have not heard anything from the Preservation Alliance regarding the assignment of a barn contractor under the grant application. Louise will follow up with Beverly Thomson to inquire where we stand in the process.

Pete has not received an estimate yet from the contractor on the new structure. Louise will send Dave the specifications that we have been working from and he will send out requests for estimates to Pro-Con and a few other contractors. The need for safe fire proof storage for the historic files currently stored at the Bates building was discussed. Dave will add on the option for a 1,000-sf. fire proof storage area as a separate secured space in the new facility. Don mentioned that Ray Monk recently built a barn on Park Avenue that is of similar size and style for the new structure at Houston fields. The committee at their convenience could drive by to look at the barn. Don will ask Ray what the rough costs was for his barn.

Don and Pete are still in the process of contacting all the groups that are currently using the barn for storage. The highway department and the recreation department have both requested that any new structure be built at the Houston Fields property. The highway department needs to be close for the field maintenance and the recreation department is continually in and out of the barn throughout the year for items stored there. Louise will reach out to the various groups to set up a couple clean-up dates in June and will also ask the highway department if they will leave the dump truck close to the barn for easier disposal. The committee will also be notified when the clean-up dates have been set.

We received the barn removal estimate from Old Barn & Home, LLC. The estimate came in around \$150,000. This does not include the removal of the foundation. Louise will send the quote out to all the committee members.

Don, Pete and Louise had gone to the barn after a heavy rain and did not see any signs of leakage. There is no need at this time to spend the additional money for tarps.

There has been work done around the barn foundation that has caused some concern about potential foundation damage. Louise mentioned to Neal that the committee would appreciate it if we could be made aware of work being done to and around the barn in the future.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Next meeting June 18th at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr, Chair