

folks who have paid different costs for different events. She said there used to be a rental cost sheet that was followed but was not sure that was still happening. Chairman Lewis told her he is not involved in setting or enforcing the rental costs.

Membership: There are some members who would like step down off the committee. After some discussion regarding advertising for the positions, the committee members decided it would be best to wait until spring to advertise after the construction of Highway 71 is over and it will be easier for folks to express their willingness to serve by attending a meeting.

Election of Officers: It was the consensus of the committee to wait until the spring meeting to appoint new officers. This way new folks can be involved and the construction project will be over. Officers will remain the same for the remainder of this year and until the May meeting. Meeting dates will be determined by Commissioner Hanson and Chairman Lewis. Commissioner Hanson has done an annual newsletter in the spring which talks about the history, budget and meeting dates for the upcoming year. He will do this again and will send it to everyone in the ConCon area with a mailing address.

Old Business: Discussions were as follows:

- **DNR Update:** Joe Brown gave the update as he is the new DNR Area Supervisor and his office is located in Littlefork. Although Patty will continue to take an interest in the committee and attend meetings when she can, her territory no longer covers Koochiching County. Joe told the committee there are some road issues between Baudette and NW Koochiching. The road budget is less than it was last year; however he is pursuing different road funding options which will also include Littlefork. The current budgets make it very difficult to maintain the roads they have let alone build new ones. The Sandsmark is in good shape and it has been proposed that the DNR build the road up to grade and then turn it over to the County for maintenance. He said there may be some State funds for the County if they decide to take the road over, however, state forest roads do not qualify for state funds. For awhile talks of the County taking over the Sands Mark slowed as costs began to escalate but they seem to be back on track now.
- **Harvesting Area:** For seven years the harvest area around Littlefork was elevated but is now back to normal. The backlog work is currently caught up and not all of it was out of the ConCon area. The DNR is looking at harvesting Aspen at forty-five years of age and not letting it get older than sixty-five years of age.
- **Williams Township Hall:** Commissioner Hanson told the committee it has been difficult trying to find someone to develop an application so the hall can be labeled as a Historical site and construction work to make it useable can begin. Linda said her husband would consider working on the building at approximately half the cost of a historical engineer. Commissioner Hanson realizes this but said it was more of a liability issues than a cost issue. He will continue to try and move this project forward.

New Business: Discussions were as follows:

- Administrative Expenses: **Motion/Second/Passed, Monrean/Zimney to approve the administrative and office expenses for June, July and August in the amount of \$210.78.**
- Administrative Expenses for September: Kallie told those present that when the Committee meets again it will be in 2011. Because of her books and the fact that her services are budgeted for 2010, could she work with the Chair and Commissioner Hanson to be paid for her September services in September? **Motion/Second/Passed, Olesen/Monrean to allow Chairman Lewis and Commissioner Hanson to approve the administrative expenses and authorize payment.**
- 2011 Budget: In reviewing the 2010 budget, keeping in mind not all bills have been submitted or paid, the Committee discussed the 2011 budget. After comments and questions were discussed, the Committee decided to request the same dollar amount from the county as they did in 2010. The budget categories will stay the same with the exception of the Community Building account. Instead of \$5000 which was allocated in 2010, the committee will change the allocation to \$4500 and create a new category called Historical Markers and allocate \$500 to it. **Motion/Second/Passed, Olesen/Swenson to approve the 2011 budget as recommended by the Committee.** Kallie will make the changes and send the new budget out with the minutes before the next meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by Olesen/Erickson.