



INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT, AUGUST 2023

First Friday Coffee: Attendees: Nancy Bennett, Brenda DeVore, Bill Byrns, Mark Winslow, Bonita Wells, Nathan Bennett, Tierra Shields, Brett Fetters

Umbrella Entity: Helped coordinate attendees list for the Aug. 9th meeting and attended a meeting on the evening of August 9th at the fairground led by UNI presenters.

Finances: Conducted monthly duties: receipts, deposits, documentation, reconciliation and paid monthly bills.

Website and Social Media: Sara Wampler has updated Walldog housing on the website and has been posting the artists, themes and locations on Facebook. Worked with Sara Wampler to create a new logo for Wayne County Culture Trail and a web page where the QR codes for the murals will be linked.

<https://www.waynecountyculturetrail.com/>

Grants: Signed contract for \$10,000 Iowa Arts Council grant for Walldog Mural project. Funds will be reimbursed after the project is completed and invoices and final report is submitted.

Walldog Mural Trail: Attended six Walldog committee meetings at the museum or fairground. Continued coordinating with Brenda DeVore and made a few data corrections to mural information. Coordinated with Jim Oskam on temporary easels at the cattle barn at the fairground. Worked with Jim Oskam and volunteers to convert the WCDC office to studio space so the Farm Aid mural could be painted indoors. Worked with lodging coordinator on last minute changes to ensure adequate housing outcomes for the artists. Quantified the original Walldogs to order special wording on tee shirts. Worked on sponsor wording for tee shirts. Worked with the artists on receiving auction pieces and getting some of them framed. Worked with Terry Jones and City of Lineville to determine the alternate location for the Eagle, Flag and Fireworks mural. Worked with City of Corydon, Redeemed and Supervisors to relocate Farm Aid and 100 Years of Batteries murals. Ervin Masonry completed tuck pointing to the mural portion of the Old Time Soda Fountain wall. Helped Jim Oskam scrape and prime the Coca-Cola wall in Allerton and pulled weeds and cleaned the porch at the Inn of the Six Toed Cat. Compiled and ordered the paints for each of the murals and worked on delivery to the fairground. Worked on design for QR code signs and the order of the mural sites for the trail. Ordered site signs, directional signs and banners and QR code signs. Designed and ordered banners for each of the mural painting sites. Ordered the scaffold and worked on delivery to the fairground. Ordered golf cars and arranged for delivery and pick up. Coordinated with early arriving artists for supplies at their mural sites and put out directional signs. Worked with volunteers on sorting paints and mural panel prep on Saturday, the 26th. Conducted a mural tour for the public on welcoming night at the fairground. Coordinated with Denise Hutchinson from extension for children's space at the fairground. Oversaw artists as they were painting the sixteen murals to ensure timeliness, accuracy and concept likeness. Worked to find places for registered volunteer painters to paint on the murals. Coordinated with Bill Byrns for an air conditioned tent to use for the Walldog brush basics workshop and rest area for Walldogs. Worked with Denise Goben for pre-payment of paper products.

Economic Development:

- Received payment from the state for childcare grant.
- Conducted First Friday Coffee
- Prepared reports for the regular monthly WCDC board meeting.



- Attended August 14th Humeston City Council meeting. They wrote a letter of support for the Umbrella Entity and submitted Mark Hewitt for consideration to the WCDC board.
- Wrote a letter of support for Community Visioning Project
- Continued to research Lakes & Reservoir cleanup.
- Attended the August BOS meetings.
- Received, documented and deposited one RLF payment for a total of \$270.