

BEMIDJI HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

City Hall Conference Room
317 4th Street NW

NEW TIME

4:30 PM



1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome Guests**
3. **Approve Agenda**
4. **Approve Minutes**
 - a. September 16, 2025
5. **Old Business**
 - a. 100 Year Old Buildings
 - i. New Applications
 - ii. Reschedule Decal Presentation
 - b. SHPO Follow Up
 - c. Old New Bemidji Hotel Mural
 - d. Pumping Station 1909 (New Memorial from Salvage)
6. **New Business**
7. **Next Meeting**

November 18, 2025 (Linda will be absent)
8. **Adjourn**

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Tuesday, September 16, 2025. 3:30 pm

City Hall Conference Room. 317 4th Street NW

1. **Call to Order:** by Linda Lemmer at 3:30 pm

2. **Welcome Guests:** No guests Present

Members Present and signed in : Linda Lemmer, Chris Bell, Lois J. Jenkins, Joan Dreyer, Jay Tody, and newly appointed member, Ashton Loeb, Andy Mack excused.

Also present: Josh Peterson, City Council representative and Michelle Miller Bemidji City Clerk.

3. **Approve Agenda:** Moved to add meeting time change and fto accept as mailed, Joan Dreyer and Lois J Jenkins, seconded. Carried.

4. **Approve Minutes:** Moved to accept August 19, 2025 minutes, Chris Bell and Jay Tody, seconded. Carried.

5. Old Business

a. 100 Year Old Buildings

New Applications: Lois J Jenkins, 606 Lincoln Ave SE passed her application with pictures and a 3" binder of information to support her application. Cecilia Wattles McKeig's application had been tabled, is now paid for and pictures forthcoming to support her application for 420 Irvine Av NW.

Ashton Loeb has completed the Lincoln School, 402-404 Lincoln Av SE, application with the owners of Mount Zion Church and the fee is paid for and available to look at. (When Lois Jenkins remains to Michelle Miller) Joan Dreyer moved to accept Jenkins' application and Ashton Loeb seconded. Carried. Motion by Joan Dreyer to accept Lincoln School and second by Jay Tody. Carried.

Set October 14 to present three decals to the applicants. Usual PR to media and Council.

b. SHPO Follow Up

i. City Manager: Joan Dreyer will summarize her conference notes and talk with Rich next week and ask City of Bemidji to Complete application to SHPO.

ii. Members Attending Convention: Joan Dreyer reported on the State Preservation Conference in New Ulm. 45th annual in 2025

2026 will be in Minneapolis and will be the National Alliance for Preservation Commissions/ Conference. (July). <https://www.napcommissions.org>

2025 sessions were tours of New Ulm, parks, archaeology, Capital Mall, SHPO archives and disaster response, historic districts, art galleries, industry, and the US Dakota War exhibit.

IF Bemidji were to host in 2027: Visit Bemidji has a lot of those tours ready to go.

c. **Old New Bemidji Hotel Mural** : Not in Painter Meyers contact

d. **Pumping Station 1909 Storm Damage**: Review again the storm damage. Mark Jacobson says IF restorable charge about 5-8,000\$ more or total \$160,000. New Discussion: What if the blocks could be saved and a monument built on site with story boards on "WATER"?

Minnesota History stated that if the Water Tower was there, more valuable to save the pumping station 1909.

Motion by Chris Bell and seconded by Jay Tody for Heritage Preservation Commission to be prepared to inform City of Bemidji is no longer interest in preservation and restoration of pumping station 1909; but wish to salvage sign and blocks for future use to repurpose

Carried.,(Andy Mack wished to be on record, previous to this discussion that he was not in favor of saving the pumping station.)

Linda Lemmer will talk to city manager about this new idea.

6. **New Business**: Meeting time. Discussion to move meeting time due to members who are employed. Moved by Lois Jenkins and seconded by Joan Dreyer to move meeting time to 4:30 pm, Third Tuesday of the Month. Carried.

a. **Warroad Celebration of History in Northwest Minnesota**;

Minnesota Historical Society has invited everyone to a Gala event at the new River Place in Warroad, Monday, September 22. Focus in on "Legacy Grants". Joan Dreyer and Lois Jenkins have rsvp. Joan driving the car pool. Find: Warroadriverplace.org

7. **Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 4:30 pm City Hall**

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm with motion by Joan Dreyer and second by Chris Bell. Carried.,

Recorded

Lois J. Jenkins

"100-Year-Old Structures in Bemidji, 2024"

Bemidji, Minnesota

A Project of Bemidji Heritage Preservation Commission

Application

Date 15 Sept 2025

- 1) Applicant Lois J Jenkins
2) Email LoisJ@PAUL Bunyan.mn
3) Address 606 Lincoln Ave SE
4) Phone/Cell 218 444-8140
5) Address of potential
100-year-old structure 606 Lincoln Ave SE Bemidji

Do you own? Live in Work in have interest

- 6) If this is your home address, when did you begin to live at this address? 1971
7) If you do not own, is the owner aware that you are submitting this application? _____
If this is NOT your home, what has inspired you to know more about the history of this structure?

8) If you own this structure what year did you purchase it? 1971

8) What year was structure built? 1920 How do you know this? Sanborn Maps (1922)

9) Has your structure ever been used for a business? NO

10) Was this structure built on this property or moved in? Built here frame

If Known, Moved From where? _____

11) Have any major modifications to this structure been made? Some - 1991 - bedroom addition

12) Has this structure's address changed with post office changes? NO major garage

Please attach a current picture with this application.

What other interesting information can you share about your structure?

Ridgeways FIRST Addition to Ny More (plot by Stoner)
I have the ~~names~~ names of all who owned or lived here
my Abstract from 1899 -
I started Home genealogy After a class in Moorhead.

Resources to Gather Information:

Beltrami County Records Office:

Land transactions, deeds, tax statement, marriages, births, and deaths(FREE)

Artifacts:

Dated Photographs, tax statement, deeds and abstracts, family genealogy and history books, church records, books or magazines, Bemidji City Directories, plats and maps, any dated envelopes addressed to this address, school records, and Census records.

Online:

- ✓ Sanborn Maps at Library of Congress for Bemidji <https://loc.gov>
- ✓ Bemidjihistory.com www.bemidjihistory.com
- ✓ Chronicling America for 1896-1925 for family and business names and addresses
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>
- ✓ Beltrami County Tax Portal www.co.beltrami.mn.us.gov
- ✓ Federal Homestead records <https://glorerecords.blm.gov>

"100-Year-Old Structures in Bemidji, 2024"

Bemidji, Minnesota

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Application

Date April 13, 2025 / 7/15/2025

- 1) Applicant Cecelia Watters McKeig
2) Email cmckeig@gmail.com
3) Address 11973-13th AVE NE, Federal Dam, MN 56641
4) Phone/Cell 612-240-9589
5) Address of potential
100-year-old structure 422 Irvine Ave. Bemidji

Do you own? Live in Work in have interest
part time

- 6) If this is your home address, when did you begin to live at this address? _____
7) If you do not own, is the owner aware that you are submitting this application? _____
If this is NOT your home, what has inspired you to know more about the history of this structure?

- 8) If you own this structure what year did you purchase it? Watters family
purchased it in 1944 so that I could walk to
school at St. Philips.
8) What year was structure built? 1906 How do you know this? Abstract

- 9) Has your structure ever been used for a business? new addition in 1951
was used for a photography studio.
10) Was this structure built on this property or moved in? _____

If Known, Moved From where? _____

- 11) Have any major modifications to this structure been made? Additions to original
12) Has this structure's address changed with post office changes? No structure.