

KCHS Grant Update, May, 2023

We have been awarded a KNHP Advisory Commission Heritage Grant for “Planning & Developing Interactive Kiosks to Enhance Eagle Harbor Light Station Museum Exhibits”. The grant award is \$11,000 with a match of \$11,500. The KCHS match will be funded by the Leuthold grant received for kiosk equipment purchases in 2023 and in-kind time provided by Tom Burns, Karen Hintz and Steven Walton, Associate Professor of History from MTU.

Ben Imig, MTU history major, has been hired as the summer intern. He will work with Tom and Karen to develop and format content for two touch-screen kiosks to be field tested this summer. This will kickstart the development and installation of more kiosks in 2024.



The sign on the left is a requirement of receiving a Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant. Since we still had the sign from 2019’s grant, an updated reprint was done by Industrial Graphics and that “new” sign is now in place at the entrance gate of the Eagle Harbor Light Station.

Since our April board meeting, advertisements of the request for bid proposals have been posted on-line on four contractor sites. The public opening of the sealed bids will take place at the EH Lighthouse at 3 pm on Monday May 22nd. In addition to Karen Hintz and John Arnold (KNHP Historic Architect), the KCHS board representatives involved will be President Mel Jones, Treasurer Nancy Molloy and Site Director Ginny Schubert. Once a contractor is selected, we will provide the results of the bid selection and a draft of a contract to the grant administrator at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for approval.



announcements soliciting bids and do direct solicitation for a required 30 days. Sealed bids would be mailed to Treasurer Nancy Molloy with a public opening of bids expected in late May/early June.