

**Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at noon
Environmental Learning Center
Discovery Park
3300 Cedar St, Muscatine, IA 52761
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)
Meeting will be in person in conference room
Adhering to CDC guidelines (masks, et. al)**

**Do to the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in Muscatine,
this meeting was changed to a Zoom meeting.**

Order of Business

Koellner called the meeting to order at noon.

Commissions present for the meeting were: Allgood, Beveridge, Bosten, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt. Collins was ill.

Other Guests: Sandy Stevens, and Paul Carroll

1. Review October 2020 meeting minutes
Approved as presented by consensus.
2. Treasurer Report (attached)
Approved as presented: Moved by Allgood, 2nd Ochiltree, all Ayes
3. Introduction of new members – Becky Furlong and Pam Collins
4. Update on Status, discussion and possible action of Historic Jail Museum/Archive potential grants and fund-raising – awaiting funding by State – end of October. (Update – discussion with Lisa Wertzbauger, grant writer)
Waiting on word about CLG Grant-could be as late as mid December 2020.
5. Update Field Services Grant completed for Historic neighborhoods in West Liberty and Wilton — No meetings occurred this month. Koellner discussion with Leah Rogers report. Possible action may be required. No action taken. The plan is to combine the two projects into one and apply for a single CLG grant using the County's CLG status.

6. Discussion of CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches.
 - a. Status of volunteer's field review of townships by Daufeldt - Townships remaining for field review.

The following townships have completed field reviews with Leah Rogers and her staff:

Pike, Orono, Cedar, Wapsipinicon, Goshen, Wilton, Fulton, Fruitland, Bloomington, Lake, Moscow. And the following cities: City of Moscow, City of Wilton, City of Fruitland, City of Nichols, City of Conesville, 76 Township will be completed on Friday, 11-13-2020.

The remainder of Sweetland and Montpelier are still to be determined with consultant's, Leah Rogers, schedule.

- b. Report from Commissioners on intensive survey of churches and schools from historic documents in the townships.
Daufeldt and Pruitt discussed the best way to add information to the Google Shared drive... Create a township file and add subfolders for each school and church. Then add the township file with school and church subfolders to the Google Shared file. For reference and help you can contact Daufeldt or Pruitt. A great example of the file folders township is Pike.

Beveridge will create a summary of Charles Croxen's diary to add to the Goshen township information.

Collins and Daufeldt will try to locate the records of the rural schools and see if the library has a record of the history of the schools that was provided to the rural students when they transferred to the Muscatine schools sometime around January 1964.

- c. This grant needs some publicity to help gain public support and information. It was suggested that we contact newspapers in the county. Daufeldt will contact Discover Muscatine. Furlong will contact Columbus Gazette. Koellner will contact West Liberty Index. Allgood and Ochiltree will contact the Advocate. Daufeldt has already posted this on our Facebook site.
We are looking for photos of schools and churches, classes, reunions, teachers, uses, picnics.... Etc.

7. Any Status change on National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) for Nichols Historic Commercial District decision with National Park Service– Letter sent by National Park Service to Jennifer Price/Pruitt/City of Nichols. (Pruitt)

- a. Update on Field Services Report on Nichols Saint Mary's Church. Amount of contract, contractor, timeline for contract and required action by Commissioners. (Pruitt) Still waiting on work to see if St. Mary's qualifies.
 - b. Additional buildings for consideration in Nichols. Pruitt reported that Jennifer Price was waiting on the status of the former Benjamin J Nichols, home. It belonged to the son of the founder of Nichols who lived there.
 - c. Plaque for Nichols District, presentation to council, newspaper (Index, Journal, et. al) – time and location plus commissioners for presentation (Pruitt) Still waiting on the federal official letter before arranging a meeting with the town council.
 - d. What is possibility of a PowerPoint on the various buildings on Ijem with some history for future presentations? Not discussed
8. Update of discussion on historic building(s) and grounds at Fairport State Fish Hatchery including discussions with DNR. Pruitt/Stevens
- a. Possible Friends group. – Status of implementation? (Stevens, Pruitt)
 - b. Other information on progress of pump house report by Iowa Cultural Affairs.
 - c. Will the total site be eligible for National Historic Register?
 - d. Progress of gazebo and historic info at Fish Hatchery? (Pruitt)

Stevens reported that the mid October meetings only confirmed that the demo will proceed on the historic pumphouse. The money is not likely to be available in the DNR budget for 9 to 12 months.

The next steps will be to possibly save the footprint of the pumphouse building to be a part of the interpretative trails. Still need to document the pumphouse with original blueprints, plans, photographs and other resources, although Rebecca McCarley may have some of that already completed.

The information kiosk is likely to be placed by the barn by the DNR to facilitate updates.

The National Historic Button Museum.

There was a \$20K grant from the Roy J Carver Charitable Trust granted for interpretive educational purposes at the hatchery site. However, the University of Iowa has pulled back from their participation in the project and the Button Museum will not be providing funds to have a second location at the hatchery site.

Stevens, Pruitt and Carroll will be starting a Friends of Fairport Fish Hatchery group to help fund the amenities to the site. It will be combined with the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission's fund in the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine.

The Ground Penetrating Radar survey report is still not completed for the housing area around the Hatchery site. That information could help with National Register of Historic Places nomination. DNR representatives had initially showed favor for the nomination but recently their architect and attorney have pulled back over concerns that the listing would restrain their normal operations. Some of the DNR members may not understand that the nomination would not be restrictive to their operations and may be helpful for local education, etc.. Stevens will work with DNR and requested help from Bosten to answer legal questions with the State Historic Preservation Office and DNR.

Mitigation is still a question. Will DNR offer to mitigate with documentation of the site, building the kiosk, and nominating for the NRHP.

Carroll will also check on the possible use of REAP grant for trails, etc.

9. HRDP Grants – Spring – (Board member and Wertzbaugher) – ongoing
10. Update County website with all Historic locations in County – map and website. (Daufeldt) Daufeldt reported that she has contacted Mark Yerinton with MAGIC to add an icon to the Muscatine County Historic Facilities layer of the MAGIC system. We now have a yellow marker for historic locations.
11. Iowa's Rural Revitalization grant round now open: Deadline Feb. 1, 2021 (Pruitt, Wertzbaugher) – Action possible- No action taken.
12. CLG - US-6 and Mohawk Avenue, Moscow, IA 52720 - Trileaf #672201 – Action required.

It was moved by Pruitt and 2nd Ochiltree to not oppose the construction of the tower on the north east corner of the intersection of Highway 6 and Mohawk.

Training – Preserve Iowa Summit – Handout materials provided – (Lynn Pruitt, Trainer) was rescheduled to the December 9th Commission Meeting. Handouts will be sent by Koellner to all Commissioners before the training.

Upcoming meetings

- a. Nichols city leaders on location of plaque for NHR -Koellner
- b. Fund raising committee for Historic Jail – none scheduled at this time. Wertzbaugher and Daufeldt.

- c. City of West Liberty leaders for potential historic districts and preparation of CLG Koellner
- e. Meetings with IDNR/McCarley on Fish Hatchery project.

3. Open Discussion- No discussion

4. Confirm next meeting date and location – **December 9 –The meeting will be on Zoom**

Attachments:

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
FY 2020/21
YTD November 11, 2020**

Fund Balance:	13,665.95
<i>Encumbered:</i>	
<i>CLG - Historic Jail</i>	<i>(6,400.00)</i>
Bridge replacement mitigation	(4,250.00)
Unencumbered Fund Balance:	\$ 3,015.95

	Budget	YTD	Balance
	30,800.00	Expenditures	27,127.00
Commission Expenses	5,000.00	(28.00)	
CLG-School/ Churches	13,300.00		
Historic Jail-Remodel Design	12,500.00		
Price Preservation-HRDP Nichols		(3,545.00)	
Price Preservation-Nichols		(100.00)	
TOTAL		(3,673.00)	

HRDP Grant - Nichols	Budget	YTD	Balance
Expenditures:			
Jennifer Price	7,433.00	(7,433.00)	-
Revenue:			
Grant Reimb-State of Iowa (1st half received 18/19)	5,500.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
Cash Match-Nichols	1,933.00	1,933.00	-
	7,433.00	4,683.00	2,750.00

CLG Grant - Schools-Churches	Budget	YTD	Balance
Expenditures:			
Leah Rogers-Tallgrass <i>In-kind match \$3,751</i>	14,000.00		14,000.00
Revenue:			
Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	9,750.00		9,750.00
Cash Match-HPC	4,250.00	4,250.00	-
	14,000.00	4,250.00	9,750.00

HISTORIC JAIL PROJECT	Budget	YTD	Balance
Expenditures:			
Horizon Architecture	12,500.00		12,500.00
Revenue:			
Community Foundation Grant \$1,300		1,300.00	
Donations		147.80	

Fundraising shortfall paid from Commission funds (3,552.20)

From: Stephanie Hubacek <s.hubacek@trileaf.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 3:34 PM

Subject: CLG - US-6 and Mohawk Avenue, Moscow, IA 52720 - Trileaf #672201

To: pruitl.lynn@gmail.com <pruitl.lynn@gmail.com>
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**RE: Tillman Infrastructure – Hwy 6 IA / Client # TI-OPP-17467 – Trileaf Project #672201
US-6 and Mohawk Avenue, Moscow, IA 52720**

Muscatine County, Wilton Quadrangle (USGS)
Latitude: 41° 34' 6.26" N, Longitude: 91° 7' 2.35" W
Dear Ms. Pruitt:

Trileaf Corporation is in the process of completing a NEPA Review at the referenced property. Our client proposes to construct a 325-foot (353-foot overall) guyed telecommunications tower and associated equipment in a 10,000 square foot lease area. A 30-foot wide access/utility easement is proposed to extend South towards US-6. The site is currently an agricultural field in a rural area. The antenna will be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Our investigation includes determining if the site is contained in, on or within the viewshed of a building, site, district, structure or object, significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture, that is listed, or eligible for listing on the State or National Registers of Historic Places, or located in or on an Indian Religious Site.

Trileaf is requesting information regarding this tower's potential effect on Historic Properties. All information received will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as part of the Section 106 review process. Additionally, this invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

If you wish to comment or be considered a consulting party, please respond within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. If a response is not received within thirty (30) days, it will be assumed that you have no objections to this undertaking. A site topography map and aerial photograph are enclosed for your reference.

Please call me at (630) 227-0202 or email s.hubacek@trileaf.com if you need additional information or have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,
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