

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**12 noon, Tuesday, October 15 2024**

**At Muscatine County Administration Center, Supervisors Meeting Rm  
Muscatine, IA 52761**

**Members in attendance (X-present, E-excused)**

Lynn Pruitt	X	John Kiwala	E
Becky Furlong	E	Joe Harper	X
Bill Koellner	X	Rebecca Bovenmyer	E
Mary Beveridge	E	Doug Conklin	E
Becky Allgood	X	Nathan Sneath	X
Ken Snyder	X		

Also present was Kala Naber, Muscatine County Budget Administrator, Chris Brase, and Kim Schneider.

**Meeting called to order at noon pm by President Furlong.**

- A. Approval Agenda – Approved (Snyder/Harper)
- B. Approval of August 20, 2024 Minutes – Approved (Snyder/Harper)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports – Approved (Snyder/Harper)
- D. Sneath had Go-To-Meeting technology up and running.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Transportation Grant/Project** – A motion was made by Allgood and seconded by Koellner that we sell the full finished Transportation report with inventory forms for \$30 and just the main report for \$15. Motion Carried.
- B. Kala suggested that we donate the extra money we get from selling these historic volumes back to our funds to use for signage or buy more books to sell.
- C. **HRDP 2023 Grant Update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods survey** – Allgood reported that in this final draft there were 71 contributing Homes and 34 non-contributing homes was okayed by SHPO. The historian is making edits to the document and then it will go to the printers. There were over 1600 pages to the final document.
- D. **Fairport Fish Hatchery Update** – Pruitt reported that the pavilion is almost finished and that they are waiting for the windows and doors to be delivered. Volunteers have also started to clear the trails.

**New Business:**

- A. **CLG Fruit and Vegetable Industry Update** – Pruitt reported that research is ongoing for Nichols and Furlong is working on getting information on Conesville. Brase reported that he is doing the newspaper research for Muscatine Island and he will send it to Jennifer Price. He also has historic pictures that he has sent to Price. Sneath is working on the history of Heintz and will also upload that to Jennifer Price. Pruitt reported that Price wants researchers to identify sites to get inventory forms.

- B. 2025 Summit hosting with the City HPC** – Pruitt reported that the State CLG Team is looking for potential sites for hosting such as the Art Center and Red Brick house. Hotel Merrill is still on the list but prices are too high so they are going to try to negotiate. Also, they are looking at tour sites in Muscatine County such as: Old Mill/Wild Cat Den, County Schools and Churches tour, Fish Hatchery, and Octagon Barn.
- C. Underground Railroad Survey** – Pruitt reported that this survey should be done by the 2025 Summit. Approximately 30 people attended the training session lead by Rebecca McCalley. Koellner reported that he was working on Wapsinonac area and waiting for information on this area. Koellner stated that the earliest maps we have of the area Freeborns who owned land is 1874.
- D. 2025 CLG Grant Submission for West Liberty Historic Grant** – Koellner reported that the grant has been submitted and they were waiting to hear, usually Jan/Feb timeline, if they were successful.
- E. Letter to Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission** – Pruitt reported that Furlong received a letter from Doug Conklin on his resignation from the MCHPC. Pruitt announced that we were holding a resume from Chris Brase for this position and a decision can be made at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_