

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

**12 noon, Tuesday, November 19 2024**

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

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

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

Also present was Kala Naber, Muscatine County Budget Administrator.

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

Furlong announced that Jennifer Price could not come to this meeting, so it was moved by Harper and seconded by Brase that we move her visit to our December 17, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

- A. Approval Agenda – Approved (Harper/Brase)
- B. Approval of October 15, 2024 Minutes – Approved (Harper/Brase)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports – Approved (Harper/Brase)

**Old Business:**

- A. **HRDP 2023 Grant Update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods survey** – Allgood reported that she was still waiting for the Historian to get back to her with the edits to the 1600 page document and a cost to put these neighborhoods on the National Register of Historic Places.
- B. **Fairport Fish Hatchery Update** – Furlong reported that the pavilion ribbon cutting was a huge success and that there was a big crowd for this.
- C. **Transportation Report Book Sales** – This report was tabled until the December meeting.

**New Business:**

- A. **CLG Fruit and Vegetable Industry Update** – Furlong reported that research is ongoing on Conesville and were prosperous until just before WWI when the crops were infested with Wilt which devastated the industry. A Professor from Iowa State came to the Iowa State Farm Station there and developed Hybrid Seeds which were resistant to Wilt. Brase reported that he is doing research through Ancestry website for the JW Rummels family.
- B. **2025 Summit hosting with the City HPC** – This report was tabled until the December meeting.

- C. Underground Railroad Survey** –Approximately 30 people attended the training session lead by Rebecca McCalley. She gave an overview of what they already have and then what they wanted to see in the research. 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. Mus. County Churches and Schools Book** – Snyder made a motion that we change the cost of the Muscatine County Churches and Schools History book from \$25 to \$20. Harper seconded. Motion carried.
- E. 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.
- F. President Rebecca Furlong** announced that she and her husband were selling their farm and moving to Iowa City so she will be resigning from MCHPC by the end of the year. She announced that we would be adding nominations for new MCHPC Officers at the December meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 12: 45 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

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