

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 noon, Tuesday, May 20, 2025
At Fairport Fish Hatchery-LACMERS Building
Muscatine, IA 52761**

Members in attendance (X-present, E-excused, A-absent)

Lynn Pruitt	X	John Kiwala	X
Michelle Elizondo	E	Joe Harper	X
Bill Koellner	E	Sue O'Donnell	X
Mary Beveridge	A	Nathan Sneath	E
Becky Allgood	X	Chris Brase	X
Ken Snyder	X		

Also present was Becky Hansen, President of Wilton Certified Local Government.

- A. Approval Agenda – Approved (Pruitt/Snyder)
- B. Approval of April 15, 2025 Minutes – Approved (Pruitt/Harper)
- C. Receipt of Financial Reports

Old Business:

- A. **West Liberty Historic Neighborhood CLG Grant** – No report.
- B. **Table Coverings** – Brase showed the group two designs for the table coverings and the group picked the Black one with White lettering of our logo. It was moved by Allgood and seconded by Pruitt to purchase two Black with White lettering- eight-foot-long table coverings with our logo not to exceed \$550. Pruitt seconded. Motion carried.
- C. **Transportation Report** – Pruitt told us that they will be reprinting the transportation book with new/updated pictures. Pruitt also reported that all the historic signs have been ordered. He ordered 18 Large signs and 8 small signs.
- D. **Fruit and Vegetable CLG Grant** – Our consultant, Jennifer Price, is working on the draft report.
- E. **Underground Railroad Update** – No report
- F. **2025 Summit (June 5-7, 2025 in Muscatine)** – Pruitt reported that he has several Volunteers to help with the Ice Breaker on June 4 at Fairport Fish Hatchery as well as other conference activities. He reported that there are approximately 300 people who will attend the summit but not all of them will come to the ice breaker. Becky Hansen and Terri Becker will help with parking at Fairport and there will be two guided tours (one at 4:30 and one at 5:30) Ken Snyder and John Kiwala will be helping with the tours.
- G. **Talking Trails** – The Commission members present decided to table this project until more research is done.
- H. **New Project Survey** – Brase encouraged the group to complete the online survey that he emailed out to all of us. This will help in the decision of our next county-wide project. The findings will be discussed at our next meeting.
- I. **Wilton Historic Neighborhoods Survey** – No report.

New Business:

- A. **Slate Chalk Boards** – Brase reported that Angie Reynolds has slate chalk boards that came out of Center Grove school house #2. Allgood announced that she would call Lynn Ochiltree to see if he would like to have them for his historic collection. Allgood will give him Angie’s phone number.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 @ noon at Muscatine Administration Building

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Becky Allgood

Minutes Approved Date: ____/____/____ by: _____