

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

12 Noon, Tuesday, January 20, 2026

At West Liberty Historic Depot (405 N. Elm St, West Liberty)

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

Chris Brase	X	Bill Koellner	X
Lynn Pruitt	X	Dave Lerch	X
Becky Allgood	X	Sue O'Donnell	X
Michelle Elizondo	X	Elise Shield	A
Joe Harper	X	Todd Stammer	X
John Kiwala	A		

Approval:

- A. Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Brase
- B. Agenda- Motion to approve by Koellner, 2nd by, Harper. Motion passed
- C. December 16, 2025, minutes- Motion to approved by Harper 2nd by Elizondo. Motion passed

Old Business:

- A. **Commission reappointments-** Chris Brase, Joe Harper and John Kiwala were re-appointed for a 3-year term ending Jan. 01, 2029, by the Board of Supervisor. Ken Snyder asked not to be reappointed, his term ended Jan 01, 2026.
- B. **Welcome Todd Stammer-**Todd Stammer was appointed to fill the open position ending Jan 01, 2029.
- C. **Appointment of officers 2026-** Motion was made by Lerch to appoint Chris Brase as Chair, Lynn Pruitt as Vice-Chair, and Becky Allgood as Secretary. 2nd by Harper. Motion Passed.
- D. **Historic Transportation** – Additional signs. Letters will go out in February to property owner, regarding signage that will be installed in spring.
- E. **Fruit and Vegetable Industry** – Signs. Letters will go out in February to property owner, regarding signage that will be installed in the spring.
- F. **Underground Railroad** – Brase gave update on research needed. He will send out an email with information and research needs. The first site will be Keith Mill in West Liberty
- G. **Iowa Economic Development Authority-**
 - a. 2026 CLG Grant will not open until late spring of 2026.
 - b. Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grant. Eligible properties must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as National Historic Landmarks. Discussion in regards as to whether the “Stagecoach Inn” could apply for the Grant. Brase will email the SOHP regarding the eligibility of the Stagecoach Inn and talk with Cindy Wilson about a meeting with West Liberty Heritage Foundation.

- H. **West Liberty Historic Neighborhood CLG Grant** – Koellner gave an update on the Calhoun street survey. Also, discussion on applying for GLG grant for 3rd Street Survey.
- I. **2026 Eagle Watch** – Brase reported that it went well. Public turnout appeared to be low compared to last year’s event. Probably due to cold weather this year

New Business:

- A. **Annual report for Supervisors-** Brase has completed the CLG state report for 2025 and is scheduled to give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the Jan. 26 meeting. We also did a brief review of the 2026 work plan.
- B. **Open Discussion** –
 - a. Allgood gave update on Wilton CLG and status of submitting Wilton Historic District for NRHP.
 - b. Harper asked if there were any plans regarding Century and Heritage Farms. The commission members were open to ideas and will have further discussion. Brase will email out more information about the Current state program, and a listing of farms in Muscatine County
- C. **Next Meeting-**Will be February 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Rebeckah Allgood

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