

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

12 Noon, Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Muscatine County Administration Center, Supervisor's Meeting Room

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	E	Elise Shield resigned	
Joe Harper	X	Todd Stamner	X
John Kiwala	A		

*Also in attendance: Rebekah Sell

Approval:

- A. Meeting called to order by Chair Chris Brase
- B. Agenda- Motion to approve by Harper, 2nd by, Koellner. Motion passed
- C. May 19, 2026, minutes- Motion to approved by Harper 2nd seconded by Koellner. Motion passed

Old Business:

1. **Old Hwy 6, Walnut Trees** – The DOT will not begin the road project until they hear back from investigation on the Historic significance of the Walnut Trees. Brase asked to be part of that process.
2. **Big Slough Creek Bridge on Bancroft Ave** – the archaeologic survey did not find anything of significance. The county is going through the Section 106 process and Brase is part of the team.
3. **Promoting Flyer update:** A Draft of MCHPC brochure was presented by Brase. A few revisions were made to this document, and the group thought it looked good to use at the Muscatine County Fair. Brase will talk with the County about printing.
4. **County website and Beacon map upgrade:** The Website is continued to be upgraded by the County. The QR codes are being updated and linked to the new server and should be completed this week. Brase asked the group for each member to take their area and review and update their information for the website.

New Business

- Elise Shield has tendered her resignation for MCHPC. Brase will ask the Supervisors to add Rebekah Sell to MCHPC.

Information Updates:

5. **County Fair Update:** Application for Exhibit space has been returned; we ask to be in the same location as last year next to Heritage Hall. Pruitt will loan us his tent and we'll have

a table. Brase will be sending out a schedule for everyone to donate their time. Fair dates are July 15 – 19, 2026.

6. **2026 Preservation Iowa Summary -** Brase and Pruitt attended the Preservation Iowa Summit. Brase attended the 106 Guidelines and reviews of Archeology research and also a session on what was available at the State Historic Society website. He also reported on a Roadside Iowa Session. Pruitt went to a Mainstreet/CLG Partnership session and a session on identifying Bridges throughout the state that would be qualifying sites for the Historic Register. He reported that out of several hundred bridges in the state only 180 qualify to date.
7. **HRDP Grant –** Pruitt reported that there was nothing to report.
8. **CLG Grant –** Koellner reported that West liberty has completed their Historic Neighborhoods Intensive Level Survey and is now finishing up the final report for the CLG Grant. A discussion was held on next projects
9. **Fruit and Vegetable Industry:** Brase passed around a document identifying the 18 site locations and QR codes for them. Letters have gone out to property owner notifying them and asking for input about placement of signs. The signs will be ordered soon.
10. **Underground Railroad –** Brase reported that there is a new contact and that the Keith's Mill project is moving slowly so a December deadline has been established.
11. **Wilton CLG/Historical Society:** Allgood reported that she is now on the Board of the Wilton Historical Society and has asked that this group be a part of the Wilton Certified Local Government. The group also put up all of the rest of our transportation signs.
- A. **Next Meeting -** Is on Tuesday, July 21st at noon at the Muscatine County Admin building.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Rebeckah Allgood

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