

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

12 Noon, Tuesday, August 18, 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	E	Dave Lerch	X
Becky Allgood	X	Sue O'Donnell	E
Michelle Elizondo	E	Rebekah Sell	X
Joe Harper	X	Todd Stamner	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. July 21, 2026, minutes- Motion to approved by Koellner 2nd seconded by Harper. Motion passed

Business:

CLG Grant; Koellner has filled out a CLG Grant application to do an intensive level survey of East 3rd in West Liberty. Supervisory have approved the application and Bill will send it in.

Allgood gave an update on Wilton CLG. She has been filling out a CLG Grant application for a Historic District in Wilton. This would be based on the past two intensive level surveys that have been completed, Maurer Street and West 5th/6th Street.

Brase; brought up the past discussion about possibility of the Commission filing a 2nd CLG grant. There was a lot of discussion regarding a Waypoint/Driving Tour of historic sites in the County. Brase has set up a meeting with Bill Riley and MPW GIS department to further research the idea. The meeting is on September 2nd. Because there would not be enough time, we would not submit a 2nd CLG grant.

MCHPC Shirts; Brase has received pricing from Apex in Durant (35.00ea.) and Phelps in Muscatine (about \$24.90ea. based on thread count). The pricing would most likely be over the \$25.00 previously approval by the Commission.

A motion was made by Algood and 2nd by Koellner for the Commission to purchase 1 shirt for each member not to exceed a total \$500.00. Motion was approved.

Web Site; Discussion was held about the Website outline that Brase had emailed out to Commission members; everyone liked the outline and format idea to create dropdown boxes

for: Current commission projects, Completed Historic Surveys, Historic Sites (those on NRHP), City & Towns, Townships. Brase will continue to work with Krissy on Webpage.

Flyers; Brase present the concept of a Township flyer that Elizondo was working on. Everyone likes the concept. It was decided to hold off on a finished design until the webpage was completed.

New Business:

Brase stopped out to visit the volunteers at Pine Creek Grist Mill and found out that the mill was no longer operating the mill, and they were having tours only. Volunteers said that it was requested by the DNR-State Parks

Information Updates

HRDP: the State HRDP contract was approved by the Supervisors and the contract with Jennifer Price (Price Preservation Research) was also approved by the Supervisors.

Fruit & Veg: We have signs and posts; Locations are being flagged and 811 digs are being contacted to locate utilities

Underground Railroad: There is a new National Parks contact, Daniel Ott. Because the John Brown story in the only connection the Keith's Mill he recommended adding more information about John Brown last trip across Iowa, and the importance of Keith's Mill as part of the trip.

West Liberty Historic Neighborhoods2025 CLG: North Calhoun Street intensive level survey has been completed and is going through final review.

Wilton CLG/Historical Society; They are still working with the county regarding the Walnut Trees along old Hwy 6. It was recommended that the Commission consider the purchase of two signs with QR codes and install one in Wilton and one in Durant.

County Fair; went well, had a good discussion with the public.

Metal Detecting/Fairport Fish Hatchery; Sand Stevens is planning to "dig" the locations that the Metal Detecting group located and document finds. He is looking forward to having them all back to see the results of their work.

Big Slough Creek Bridge; The bridge is on NRHP but needs to be replaced. The next step is the Section 106 review.

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Rebeckah Allgood

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

