

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)  
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 09, 2022 at noon

Zoom

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Called to Order at 12:02pm by Koellner

**Roll Call and Guests**

**Commissioners:** Allgood, Beveridge, Collins, Daufeldt, Koellner, Ochiltree, Pruitt, present via Zoom. Furlong was excused. Bosten resigned effective February 11, 2022

**Order of Business**

- A. **Approval of Agenda- Koellner** Approved as submitted
- B. **Approval of January 12,2022 Minutes-** Ochiltree moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pruitt, and all present voted to approve.
- C. **Approval of January Financial Reports –** Ochiltree moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pruitt, and all present voted to approve (Attached below)

**Old Business**

D. **CLG review with Board of Supervisors** by Pruitt and Koellner on February 7 for 2021 and work plan for 2022 – Certification signed Chairperson – sent to state after meeting

E. **Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding - Pruitt (possible action items)**

- 1. **Updates –** Mike Nolan has submitted to SHPO for final approval of Historic Jail CLG Grant project. Total project cost is ~\$300K+ and the commission needs to raise more money before we proceed to the next phase.
- 2. **Friends of the Old Jail fundraising – pledges and income to CFGM** no report.
- 3. **Other Action items - Marketing promotion –** Collins reported that she will be working on a script for the architect and for the TV5 channel videographer. The length of the video was suggested to be 5-10 minutes in length. The script will be written in the next two weeks with filming. There will be additional 2-3 weeks for editing. Collins is also checking on the “Sheriff of Muscatine” movie poster to provide as donor gift at the kickoff.

E. **Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items**

- 1. **Copies sold to date Pruitt** -the County Board received a check for \$400 at the Feb 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for sales of the Historic Schools and Churches survey books. There are still some books to be sold from the original orders.
- 2. **Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update– – Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood**
  - 1. **Status of Order of 16 signs from Iowa Prison Industries for Pike Township**

2. **Correspondence with landowners – Response from landowners for placement – timeline for installation – update:** Pruitt reported that the 16 signs for Pike were ordered from the Iowa Prison Industries. Letters to the remaining 13 township deed holders were mail mid January by each of the committee members for their individual townships. There are some landowners that have contacted the commissioner. Usually about the location of the signs, the size, and when the signs will be installed. Daufeldt suggested that the commissioner use small flags (similar to the location service for utilities) to show where the sign will be placed.  
**Other discussion:** Federal Hill in Wapsi, Adams Station School and Lacy School may need more clarifications.

**F. Nichols Area Historic Grants Updates- Pruitt – possible action items**

1. **Nichol’s home – NHR nomination status** – approved for nomination by Iowa Cultural Affairs – Funding granted by Cultural Affairs – for the CLG Grant the match of \$500 is being funded by the home owner
2. **St. Mary’s Church NHR nomination status** -- the nomination was approved by SNRC on Feb 11. The church is working on approval for placement of the historic sign through the Davenport diocese.

***The meeting of the State Nomination Review Committee (SNRC) will be held virtually over Zoom. If you wish to attend, please request an invite no later than Wednesday, February 11, 2022 – “10:45 St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, Nichols – Jennifer Price” - Information***

**G. West Liberty Heritage Foundation – Koellner**

1. **NHR nomination – comments**

***The meeting of the State Nomination Review Committee (SNRC) will be held virtually over Zoom. If you wish to attend, please request an invite no later than Wednesday, February 11, - 10:15 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Passenger Depot, West Liberty – Ray Werner - Information***

2. **Historic 175<sup>th</sup> year sign for CRI & P Depot – update status**

**H. Wilton Historic Neighborhoods – Allgood/ Ochiltree – possible action items**

1. **Buildings or Districts to be nominated in 2022-**Ochiltree reported that they are working on sign and will go back to the Historic Neighborhoods after completion.

**I. Historic Fairport Fish Hatchery Master Plan -Stevens, Pruitt, and Bosten - possible action items**

1. **Signage – 175<sup>th</sup> year – approved by State of Iowa - - Stevens (sign order and deliver date) – update – Working on the revised text with the sign company.**
2. **Sandy Steven update:** DNR has signed a contract for the upper trail signs, However the design is still under review. DNR wants uniformity with all DNR locations for the templates. The Friends of the Fish Hatchery have the test ready and QR Codes setup of the Muscatine County’s website and for the DNR website. Funding has been started and more grant applications will be completed. Currently the Muscatine Charities was mentioned for funding of a foot bridge along the trail. The Friends Group is working with Christopher Shoemaker and

Gary Whitacre, and Eric Furnas for the design and locations of the bridge and pavilion.

The Friend group need \$100K for the pavilion. The trails and signage are funded. Paul Carroll and Pruitt will be talking to some targeted industries for funding of the pavilion.

It was noted that the pavilion will contain 12 3'x4' panels with topics of the history and use of the site as well as display cases for artifacts.

**J. Muscatine County Fair Grounds amphitheater – Koellner/Pruitt/**

1. CLG Grant Approved by Cultural Affairs - Matching funds from Muscatine County Fair – Kelsey Morris is Fair contact – Contractor to be selected for structural evaluation – Status and possible action items

**K. Discussion and possible action regarding Pike Township's Lacey School**

1. **Iowa's Most Endangered List -letter to landowner update– Bosten** Pruitt will contact Bosten this week about a first right of refusal on Lacy School.

**L. Potential 2022 work areas**

1. Selecting locations for Muscatine County Historic Register and possible signage by townships
2. Location of Grange Halls, old Depots, towns no longer in existence in Muscatine County –
3. Transportation in Muscatine County - Stagecoach routes, railroads, depots, ferry crossings, early highways (Highway 6 and travel cabins), interurban from Davenport to Muscatine, old rail depots and supporting buildings and businesses. old bridges
4. Non-existent business that helped make Muscatine County historic businesses
  - Fruit and Vegetables Industry
  - Other businesses which were notable in Muscatine County
  - Placement on MAGIC other historic locations to include cemeteries

**M. -The State of Iowa is looking for papers for the 2022 Summit -Heather Gibbs is the contact. One possible paper is to connect the sources of funding from the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 to the projects that used the bridge retirement mitigation funds. – Pruitt will possibly present how our commission used the bridge abatement funds for the cash match on the recent rural schools and churches survey and also for physical signage.**

**N. Webpage updates are being completed to include the Survey of the Schools and Churches, Historic sites that are on the GIS map for places like granges, Lutheran Homes, stagecoach and rail depots, etc. These eventually will be linked with hot links to the sources – status of update**

**O. Upcoming Meeting – March 9**

**P. Adjourned**

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission**

**FY 2021/22**

**YTD Feb 9, 2022**

	<b>Fund Balance:</b>	<b>32,994.64</b>		
	<i>Grants Receivable:</i>			
	HRDP Grant- Fish Hatchery Nomination	\$ 6,310.00		
	<i>Encumbered:</i>			
	HRDP Cash Match- Fish Hatchery Nomination	(6,310.00)		
			<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>Fund Shortage</b>

**Unencumbered Fund Balance: \$ 32,994.64 \$ 34,957.69 (1,963.05)**

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>		<b>36,680.00</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>34,957.69</b>
	Commission Expenses	5,000.00	(722.31)	4,277.69
	Fish Hatchery nomination	18,930.00	(1,000.00)	17,930.00
	Schools/Churches Signage	12,750.00		12,750.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>(1,722.31)</b>	<b>34,957.69</b>

**PROJECTS:**

<b>CLG Grant - Schools-Churches</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
	Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	9,750.00	9,750.00	-
<b>HRDP Grant - Fish Hatchery</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
	Fish Hatchery nomination	18,930.00	(1,000.00)	17,930.00
<b>Revenue:</b>				
	Grant Reimb-State of Iowa	12,620.00	6,310.00	6,310.00
	Cash Match-HPC-encumbered	6,310.00		6,310.00
		<b>18,930.00</b>	<b>6,310.00</b>	<b>12,620.00</b>