

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission  
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
At County Administration Building**

**Called to Order @ 12:02PM**

**Roll Call and Guests**

**Commissioner Presents:** Allgood, Beveridge, Daufeldt, Koellner, Pruitt, Schoultz and Furlong.

**Excused:** Collins, Ochiltree

**Guests:** Sherry Seright, Sandy Stevens (Phone)

**Order of Business**

- A. Welcome new Commissioner** Wayne E. Schoultz – introduction of commissioners
- B. Approval of Agenda-** Pruitt 1, Daufeldt 2; All Ayes
- C. Approval of Minutes- February 9, 2022-** Pruitt 1, Beveridge 2; All Ayes
- D. Approval of Financial Reports –** Daufeldt sent the reports out prior to the meeting. Pruitt 1, Beveridge 2; All Ayes

**Old Business**

- E. Historic Jail Museum Preservation and Reuse Funding - Pruitt (possible action items)**
  - 1. Design Update –** Pruitt recounted that a presentation was given to our Commission by the Horizon Architecture in March. We decided to wait until some funds have been collected prior to making a presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
  - 2. Friends of the Old Jail fundraising – pledges and income to CFGM –** Beveridge confirmed the balance in the Community Foundation (see attached reports)
  - 3. Other Action items - Marketing promotion – Collins** no report
  - 4.** Discussion took place regarding the possible use of American Recovery (ARPA) second round funds. Seright will provide a request to the Supervisors.
- F. Rural Schools and Churches CLG grant-Daufeldt – possible action items**
  - 1. Copies sold to date –** no report
  - 2. Finalization of Beacon HP page –** Daufeldt reported that one site was added after the report was printed which is the Lutheran Orphans School at the Lutheran Home’s Orphanage on the campus of the now Lutheran Living Center. The school was privately operated by the Lutheran Homes for orphans and elderly.  
Also still trying to resolve the No2. /Glendale school location in Montpelier.

We are still verifying the markers for the correct locations on the MAGIC site.

**3. Marketing and signage of Historic schools and churches update-- Furlong, Daufeldt, Pruitt, Ochiltree and Allgood**

**-Status of Order of signs from Iowa Prison Industries** Signs were ordered and delivered to Furlongs for Pike Township. Still waiting for some of the hardware and posts. A Sign Committee meeting is schedule for today following the MCHPC meeting.

**-Correspondence with landowners – Response from landowners for placement**-Daufeldt is still working with SSAB on the location of Glendale No.2 in Montpelier Township. There was a change to the location of the marker for North Star School in Bloomington Township The land owners will need to be notified as well as the Lutheran Living Center in Fruitland.

**-timeline for installation – update** Pike is ready for signs. Pruitt also brought glow orange small marker flags to use to locate the signs prior to installations. Once the flags have been placed in Pike Township the Iowa One Call (811) will be called to make sure there are no buried utilities in the same locations as the signs.

**4. Presentation at Iowa Summit on use of Historic Bridge funds June 2-4 Pruitt** the Announcement of the presenters will be announced in the next couple of weeks. There was discussion of applying for an award for our book

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

1. **Nichol’s home consultant – update- possible action\_–**  
Motion: Make Price Preservation Research the consultant for a CLG Grant to submit the Nichols’s home as nominated properties to the National Historic Register with the National Park Service. Vote: 1. Pruitt, 2. Daufeldt - All Ayes
2. **St. Mary’s Church NHR nomination status with National Park Service – status** – Waiting for the National Park Service to confirm the SHPO approval
3. **West Liberty Heritage Foundation – NHR nomination status with National Park Service – status** – Waiting for the National Park Service to confirm the SHPO approval

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

1. **Buildings or Districts to be nominated in 2022** Allgood reported that the signs for schools and churches needs to be completed before applying for grants regarding the neighborhoods and downtown.

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

1. **Signage – 175<sup>th</sup> year – approved by State of Iowa - - Stevens (sign order and deliver date)** – Stevens stated that it will be May or June before the Iowa DNR issues its sign template. Then we can order our signs.
2. **Historic Trails** status – North Trail signs are complete subject to the DNR template. South Trail sign verbiage is being developed.
3. **Pavilion Funding status**

Stevens reported.

- Friends of the Fish Hatcher will not receive funding from Muscatine Charities.
- They will be applying for IMPAC projects.
- EQIP program from NRCS will be postponed until May in time for spraying for the invasive species.
- Fund raising continues with Paul Carroll and Pruitt.
- American Rescue Plan Act application through Iowa Dept of Cultural Affairs. Will need to have 60% of the funding available for a match. They will need to provide the other 40% up front with reimbursement. Looking at these funds for Pavilion.
- Not Applying for HRDP grant which is due May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Nomination for Fish Hatchery on the National Register of Historic Places is in process with Rebecca McCarley

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

1. CLG grant Approved by Cultural Affairs - Kelsey Morris is Fair contact – Contractor to be selected for structural evaluation – 3 RFPs sent and due to Lisa Wertzbaugher by 4/22 – M C Fair board and MCHPC members mutually meet to select contractor late April
2. The Fair Board provided the cash match for the CLG grant.

**K. 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. **Muscatine County historic businesses**
  - Fruit and Vegetables Industry** Koellner commented that with the addition of Schoultz to the Commission, his knowledge will be an asset to documenting the history of the land known by many names as... The Island, The Garden Spot of the West, The Watermelon. Schoultz offered to report back on a publication describing the early history of Muscatine Island fruit and vegetable industries.
  - Other businesses which were notable in Muscatine County**
  - Placement on MAGIC other historic locations to include cemeteries**

- L. HRDP Grants due May 2 – possible action to approve grant application – Pruitt was authorized to prepare an HRDP grant application to cover a portion of the cost of AE services during bidding and construction for Phase 2 of the Historic Jail.**

**Upcoming Meeting – May 11**

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 PM



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