

**Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL PUBLIC and MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 Noon, Tuesday, September 19, 2023
At Muscatine County Administration Center, Supervisor's Meeting Room
Muscatine, IA 52761**

MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

- A. Call to order the Monthly meeting of the Muscatine County Historic Preservation – Furlong 12:02pm**
- B. Attendees: Becky Furlong, Becky Allgood, Bill Koellner, Mary Beveridge, Ken Snyder, Joe Harper, and Lynn Pruitt. Members absent: Jimmy Hyink, Becky Bovenmyer (excused), and Jane Daufeldt (excused) . Others present: Kala Naber, Jennifer Price, Sandy Stevens, and John Kiwalla**
- C. Approval of Agenda- Approved**
- D. Approval of Minutes- August- Approved – Furlong will sent copies of recent approved minutes to Kala Naber.**
- E. Receipt of Financial Reports (CFGM Friends and County) – Received**

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Member Resignation – Sue Hills’ resignation accepted by Board of Supervisors. One new application has been received and it and any others received will be considered by the Board next Monday.**
- B. County Schools and Churches Project**
 - a. Installation Update- Allgood reported installation completed except for Moscow Township. She will discuss with Lynn Ochiltree about the completion schedule and/or handing off the remainder to another commissioner.**
 - b. Discover Muscatine newspaper leadership has been contacted by Furlong and Koellner has been interviewed. Pruitt confirmed the newspaper already has a copy of our Country Schools and Churches book.**
- C. HRDP 2023 Grant update for Wilton Historic Neighborhoods Survey – Allgood reported that all properties in the proposed Historic Neighborhoods have been entered into a spreadsheet including all available information from Beacon. The next step is to review records in the County Auditors Office to gather information on the history of each property. Allgood checked with the Auditors Office and learned that these records are being digitized and should be available by December 2023.**
- D. Iowa Historic Preservation Summit – Pruitt reported that the 2024 Summit will be at Mount Pleasant. The City HPC and our group will be making and application to host 2025 Summit. That application is to be submitted along with our CLG Grant application at the next CLG Grant offering.**

- E. Fairport Fish Hatchery – Sandy Stevens reported that the NRHP nomination has cleared the State and is being sent to the National Park Service for final approval. Recent fundraisers include \$1,000 from Ragbrai and \$2,000 from Fish Fry. Day of Caring tomorrow will bring about 20 workers for various projects. Funding for the Pavilion is about 70% complete. The REAP grant will expire next March. The Carver Foundation grant has been renewed. Considering HRDP or new REAP grant to explore the old Blacksmith Shop and Carpenter Shop. Various visitors have toured the facility including some related to German POW from WW 2.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Project-Bill

- a. Presentation by Jennifer Price, Consultant – She proposed using the map from Planning for Preservation to also show Historic Transportation Facilities. Another option is to add them to the MAGIC GIS layer used for Country Schools and Churches, or create a new MAGIC page for Historic Transportation.**
 - b. Quite a bit of research has been performed. The next step is to do field surveys to be completed by December 2023. Assignments include: Wilton – Allgood; Goshen – Beveridge; Montpelier – Snyder; Wapinonoc, Fulton and Moscow – Koellner; Pike and Orono – Pruitt; Lake – Harper; Fruitland and 76 – Furlong; Bloomington – Daufeldt. Price will send out list of suggested features related to Historic Transportation. She will also send out or place on the Google Drive additional suggested resources. Features found during the field survey should be entered into spreadsheets in folders.**
- B. Meeting Dates for Remainder of Year – Moved, 2nd and approved to change our meeting date to the 2nd Wednesday at 12N at the County Administration Building.**

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023