

**Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at noon

Via Zoom using the following link

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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CDT)

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Meeting called to order at noon.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Allgood, Beveridge, Bosten, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Pruitt

Commissioners Not Present: Collins, Ochiltree, both excused

Others Present: Sandy Stevens

Order of Business

1. Approval of January 2021 meeting minutes (Daufeldt) Approved all present voting-s Ayes
2. Approval of Treasurer Report (Allgood) Attached with Minutes Approved all present voting -Aye
3. Meeting reviews by members since last meeting other than covered below:
4. Koellner's Meetings Report
 - Presentation to Rotary Club West Liberty – Properties National Historic Register Historic Preservation NHRHP Muscatine Co 1/26
 - Interview Editor West Liberty Index – NHRHP – Nichols and West Liberty 1/28

- WVIK Radio station interview – Muscatine County Historic Jail CLG grant 2/2
- Interview Andrea Grubaugh, Muscatine Journal – CLG Grant for Historic Jail 2/4
- Presentation Annual Report Muscatine County Board of Supervisors – 2/1
- Virtual meeting with Leah Rogers on Work plan 2021 – contract modifications

OLD Business

5. Historic Jail Museum/Archive potential grants and fund-raising.
 - a. CLG grant for \$9,600 was approved. Lisa Wertzbaugher will administer the contract along with commissioner Lynn Pruitt. – Update needs to be given to Paula Mohr about the lead for the grant to Lynn Pruitt.
 - b. Iowa's Rural Revitalization grant - Submitted: Feb. 1, 2021 – Lisa Wertzbaugher submitted on behalf of MCHPC.
 - c. Historical Resource Development Program HRDP grant is due June 2021. Discussion and recommendation – (See below for decision on HRDP grant application)

6. CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches: (Daufeldt)

Reconnaissance/Visual review by contractor and commissioners – complete for all townships in Nov 2020.

 - a. Township status of intensive surveys of churches and schools from historic documents by commissioners – (reference – Leah Rogers Google Drive) Reconnaissance tours are complete.
 - b. Township status update by commissioners
 - Wilton – partially done – Allgood team
 - Wapsinonoc – complete
 - Goshen – complete
 - Pike – complete
 - Sweetland – complete
 - Orono – complete
 - Moscow – partially complete- Allgood team
 - Montpelier – complete
 - Lake – complete
 - Fulton – partially complete – Allgood team
 - Fruitland – complete
 - Cedar – complete

- Bloomington – partially complete – Daufeldt
 - Seventy-Six – complete
 - Area 6– complete. This is the designation to the rural schools that were absorbed into the nearby school districts in the County. There is some information in this Google Docs folder that may contain information of some of the townships surrounding the Muscatine Community School District. (information of schools closed in 1964)
- c. Estimate of completion of remaining townships is end of February.
 - d. Contractor timeline for completion- Leah Rogers
 - e. Reminder to track mileage and hours worked. These are part of the match required by the CLG grant. Send to Jane Daufeldt at end of March for the Quarterly report.
7. Nichols Historic Commercial District, meeting with City Council - plaque (Pruitt). Still to be determined with the City Council
 8. St. Mary's Church – report from Jennifer Price –
 - a. Meet with Parish Council for discussion and funding- Church members may be willing to fund the process of getting the church listed on the National Historic Register.
 - b. Use of CLG Grant for funding next year if Church members do not fund it
 9. Nichols Christian Church determination – eligibility doubtful
 10. Ben Nichols home – Cost of study for NHRHP
 - a. Use of next CLG Grant for funding nomination
 11. Preparation of documents for public highlighting NHR locations in Muscatine County for public use – tourist, etc. - Collins
 12. Fairport State Fish Hatchery (Stevens and Pruitt)
 - Brochure for potential public participation financially – status – prepared by Pruitt and Stevens
 - IDNR will not complete Pavilion design until sufficient funds raised to construct it
 - IDNR plans to demolish the Pump house this spring or summer
 - Funding for nomination of NHRHP will not be by IDNR. We will pursue the next HRDP grant.
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- Friends of Fairport Fish Hatchery are actively working to coordinate with IDNR and raise funds. They will be applying for a Carver Foundation grant.

Discussion took place regarding the IDNR budget for demo and funding for a pavilion to commemorate the history of the pump house. Cost estimates are now a total of \$60-75 for total project costs. These will be refined as the project develops.

Working with Rebecca McCulley to qualify for National Register and other grant sources to meet the project costs.

MOTION was made by Beckey Furlong and seconded by Lynn Pruitt, to proceed with an application for and HRDP grant including the entire property acres of land to the National Historic Register-

Voting: Yes: Allgood, Bosten, Daufeldt, Furlong, Koellner, Pruitt

Nay: Beveridge

Motion approved.

13. Update County website with all Historic locations in County – map and website. Collaborate with Muscatine City Historic Preservation Commission to add locations within the city to also be placed on MAGIC. All locations on NHR be placed on MAGIC. (need volunteer to work with Daufeldt. (Daufeldt)

14. Meetings with other Historic Commissions in County – August 2021 (Koellner)

.15. Plans for 2021

- Ongoing Historic Preservation Projects (Project managers)
- Historic Jail Restoration and Development of County Museum and Archives – What do we do if we do not get Rural Revitalization grant not awarded? (Wertzbaugher, Pruitt)
- Country Schools and Churches – any potential for NHR (Daufeldt)
- West Liberty Fair Grounds – amphitheater improvements (Koellner)
- Nichols Historic Homes and Churches – additional homes (Pruitt)
- Fairport Fish Hatchery – define extent and execution of MCHPC plus long-term involvement (Stevens, Pruitt)

- Wilton and West Liberty Historic Neighborhoods – determine timeframe for beginning study (Allgood, Koellner)

16.. Upcoming meetings

- Friends group for Fish Hatchery – funding, planning for trails and kiosk with commission members
- City of West Liberty and Wilton leaders for potential historic districts and preparation of CLG
- Meetings with IDNR/McCarley on Fish Hatchery NHRHP potential nomination
- Meeting with Nichols City council
- Meeting with St. Mary's parish council

17.. *Open Discussion*

18.. Next meeting date and location – March 10, 2021 – via zoom platform

Adjourned at 1:15PM

Attachments:

Exhibit A-Approved Minutes

Exhibit B-Approved Financials