

Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission

OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at noon
Muscatine County Administration Building

- I. Order of Business Called to order at 12:00
Members Present: Terry Eagle, Becky Allgood, Mary Beverage, Lynn Pruitt, Jamie Boston, Jane Daufeldt, Lynn Ochiltree
Commissioners Not in Attendance: , Lisa Wertzbaugher, Bill Koellner
Vice Chair, Pruitt, presided over the meeting.
- A. Review and approval of January 16, 2019 meeting minutes: Daufeldt moved to approve, Allgood seconded, motion carried
- B. Treasurer Report was reported by Seright as submitted; Eagle moved to approve and was seconded by Allgood. approved as submitted:
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| Fund Balance | 17,425.95 |
| HRDP Nichols Grant | (3,545.00) |
| Bridge replacement mitigation | <u>(4,250.00)</u> |
| Unencumbered Fund Balance | 9,630.95 |
- C. Welcome New Members: Jamie Bosten, Terry Eagle, and Lynn Ochiltree are the new members to the Commission. Each of the them were provided a Commissioners manual for their reference.
- D. 2019 CLG Annual Report as presented to Board of Supervisors Feb 10. Allgood and Pruitt presented their PowerPoint that updated the Supervisors on the status of projects in process with the Commission: Muscatine County Fair Grounds, Old Jail, Nichols, Wilton the West Liberty historic homes, and the Fairport Fish Hatchery. Pruitt can provide a copy of the PowerPoint.
- E. Status, discussion and possible action of Historic Jail Museum/Archive including final architectural plans and fund-raising strategy (Wertzbaugher and Mike Nolan) Tabled for the March meeting. However, it was noted that the City of Wilton was providing \$1,000 toward the project by Allgood.
- F. Discussion and possible action on Field Services Grant for potential project (Historic neighborhoods in West Liberty and Wilton) from Planning for Preservation – Allgood reported that she met with Leah Rogers, Tallgrass Historians on 02.10.2020 to discuss the

possibility of a grant for 3 potential homes in Wilton. Rogers will also be meeting with Koellner on 02.14.2020 about the homes in West Liberty. Using a Field Series grant.

- G. Discussion and possible action on CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches including review and approval of Consultant RFP currently we are waiting on the confirmation of the grant before RFP is issued.
- H. Status of NRHP nomination for Nichols Historic Commercial District; Field Services Report on Nichols Saint Mary's Church; and future work on other Nichols Historic Churches and Nichols Family Homes. Pruitt covered the status of the Nichols project in the PowerPoint to the commissioners.
- I. Discussion and possible action on protecting historic building(s) at Fairport State Fish Hatchery. The discussion including DNR's Public Meeting on proposed demolition of historic boiler and pumphouse building. The public hearing will take place 03.09.2020 at the National Button Museum 6:30 PM.

It was noted that the building was listed as one of the Iowa 2020 Most Endangered Properties. Pruitt, Eagle, and Boston will continue strategies to stop the demolition because of the significance to the county with ecotourism and telling the story of the Pearl Rush of the Midwest.

- J. HRDP Grants -- up to \$50,000 -- Application due May 1, 2020
- II. Open Discussion Training for the Annual Meeting for Preserve Iowa in Dubuque, Iowa June 4-6th County will reimburse travel housing, meals and mileage.
- III. County School conference will be held this year
- IV, Confirm next meeting date and location – **March 11, 2020 Second Wednesday**