

Muscatine County Historical Preservation Commission

OFFICIAL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at noon 563-299-9319

Virtual Meeting

12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CDT)

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(The virtual meeting was required due to Covid 19 restrictions)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Koellner at 12:00 PM with roll call of those on the conference call:
Bill Koellner, Terry Eagle, Jane Daufeldt, Lynn Pruitt, Jamie Bosten, Mary Beverage, Becky Allgood, all Commissioners. Commissioners not present: Lynn Ochiltrie, and Lisa Wertzbaugher.
Others present: Sherry Seright, Jennifer Price, Sandy Stevens
2. Review Agenda- approved as submitted.
3. Public Discussion Meeting on Ijem Avenue Historic District - National Historic Register
 - a. Nichols Historic District consultant, Jennifer Price for the project was the only person that identified herself as in attendance on the public meeting (other than the commissioners). Notices were sent to the property owners within the proposed district.
 - b. Presentation of proposal on Historic District – Jennifer Price provided a recap of the reason for a revision of the Nichols Historic district. After the initial survey, one building made changes to their façade. The changes to the building made the building no longer a contributing building. Resubmission was necessary with the revisions.

The submission will be evaluated by the State on June 12,2020. If approved, this will make the properties eligible for tax credit application for improvements to their properties and will make the district able to apply for HRDP grants for major preservation work. The deadline for HRDP grant applications is submitted annually, and due by April 2021.

c. Comments and questions

1. Commission Members comments were made by Pruitt specific to the buildings and possible inclusion of the Ijem road, itself.

2. General Public- No comments

e. Conclusion and comments- Public meeting adjourned.

After the public meeting it was moved by Pruitt and seconded by Bosten to have Jennifer proceed with the submission to the SNRC. All present voted to Aye.

4. Order of Business

a. Review April 8, 2020 meeting minutes (Daufeldt) Moved to approve by Pruitt, seconded by Allgood. Approved as submitted.

b. Treasurer Report (Allgood) It was moved by Pruitt and seconded by Daufeldt. Approved as submitted.

FY 2019/20

YTD March 11, 2020

Fund Balance: 17,338.95

Encumbered:

HRDP Nichols Grant (3,545.00)

Bridge replacement mitigation (4,250.00)

Unencumbered Fund Balance: \$9,543.95

	Budget YTD	Balance
	12,000.00	Expenditures 2,651.40
J. Price - Nichols TAN Grant Expenses		(87.00)
Horizon - Historic Jail		(5,000.00)
Lynn Pruitt		(540.59)
Jim Nepple		(107.80)
Envelopes		(15.46)
Postage-fundraising letters		(52.75)
	(5,803.60)	
Payable-HRDP Nichols		(3,545.00)
	(9,348.60)	

HRDP Grant - Nichols Budget YTD Balance

Expenditures:

Jennifer Price	7,433.00	(3,888.00)	3,545.00	*
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Here is my update:

- 1 - I'm working on the HRDP application for the County Jail architect fees. Due June 1.
- 2 - I'm working on the Community Foundation grant, open for submission June 1.
- 3 - I attended the Fair Board Building Committee meeting and the small show ring should be finished by June.

- e. Discussion and possible action on update on Field Services Grant for potential project (Historic neighborhoods in West Liberty and Wilton) from Planning for Preservation – Update from Tallgrass (Allgood). Potential action for contract with Tallgrass. Allgood will consider a meeting with the West Liberty and Wilton city councils for an informational update to the members. There is a need for a public approval meeting with both towns. Allgood has already met with the Wilton council and talked to Leah Rogers for both Wilton and West Liberty to host the public meetings.
- f. Discussion of CLG Grant for County Schools and Churches. The approval of Tallgrass by County Board of Supervisors (Pruitt and Daufeldt) Status of contract signature. (Daufeldt, Pruitt) Expected time to begin work (Daufeldt, Pruitt) The subcontract with Tallgrass was approved and signed by the supervisors. A conference with Leah Rogers consultant, Tallgrass and Paula Mohr, Lynn Pruitt and Jane Daufeldt is scheduled for 2:00pm May 13,2020. The meeting is the kickoff of the CLG Grant for Schools and Churches. The local cash cost share is already approved and available at \$4,250. The timeline is spelled out in the consultant's subcontract.
- g. Field Services Report on Nichols Saint Mary's Church. Jennifer Price is still evaluating. There was a motion by Pruitt to recommend to the state for the Nichols/Ijem History District and seconded by Beverage. Approved.
- h. Potential future work on other Nichols Historic Churches and Nichols Family Homes – Jennifer Price is still preparing these evaluations of eligibility. (Pruitt)
- i. Update of discussion and possible action on protecting historic building(s), specifically the pump house at Fairport State Fish Hatchery. Eagle has been in contact with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, COE, because of floodplain location. Continued discussions with DNR because ownership of the Fish Hatchery belongs to them. The building is still scheduled for demolition by DNR. It is the objective of the MCHPC to save the building and add it to the inventory of historic places in Muscatine County, especially because it contributes to the national button industry history and it's economic and social impact to Muscatine and regional Midwest . Eagle, Stevens, and Bosten will get together to develop strategies, evaluation of the total property in the history of Muscatine County, and future uses that align with the restoration of the mussels in the ecology of the rivers that are tributaries to the Mississippi. Corps of Engineers Permits Branch have

established a precedence for keeping a wooden structure elsewhere on the Mississippi. Eagle and Puritt are also checking on Status of Technical Assistance Grant with consultant, McCarley.

There was considerable discussion regarding the DNR's plan to demolish the historic building located on the Mississippi at Fairport. There will be an informational piece published in the West Liberty Index, Wilton/Durant Advocate and possible other free papers distributed throughout the county.

Sandy Stevens, friend of the Commission, has volunteered to work with Terry Eagle, and Jamie Bosten on this project.

- j. Grants – update for special funding by state – conversation between Pruitt and Paula Mohr. Possible action (Pruitt, Wertzbaugher)

2. Upcoming meetings -None noted

3. Open Discussion – None noted

4. Confirm next meeting date and location – June 10 at Noon