# Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
# OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
# 12 noon, Tuesday, September 15, 2026
# At Muscatine County Administration Center, Supervisors Meeting Rm
# Muscatine, IA 52761

**Members in attendance (X-present, E-excused, A-Absent)**

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| Lynn Pruitt | X | John Kiwala | A |
| Michelle Elizondo | X | Joe Harper | X |
| Bill Koellner | X | Sue O'Donnell | X |
| Dave Lerch | X | Rebekah Sell | X |
| Becky Allgood | X | Todd Stammer | X |
| Chris Brase | X | | |

- Approval Agenda – Approved (Koellner/Harper)
- Approval of August 18, 2026 Minutes – Approved (Harper/Koellner)

**Business**

**A.** An HRDP Grant is in the works for Mississippi Courts Historical District. Historian Jennifer Price and Lynn Pruitt are asking for volunteers for this project. A task list was sent to all commission members. Sell, Koellner, Lerch, Brase and Pruitt volunteered to take a task in an effort to help with this project. O'Donnell also joined the group after the meeting.

**B.** Brase reported on the MCHPC shirts the Supervisors have agreed to buy each commission member. He passed around a shirt so all in attendance could determine their size. Brase will send in the order after this meeting.

**C.** Brase reported on the website status and showed the group story maps developed by MPW for Muscatine Chamber of Commerce. We can also request MPW to develop story maps for National Register sites and other historic groupings in the county.

**Information updates:**

**A. Fruit and Vegetable Industry** – Most of the signs have been installed thanks to Brase, Pruitt, O'Donnell and Lerch.

**B. Underground Railroad** – Continue to be worked on by Brase.

**C. West Liberty Historic Neighborhood Intensive Level Survey**– A 2026 CLG Grant has been submitted for this project by Koellner.

**D. Wilton CLG/Historical Society -** Wilton has had an Intensive Level Survey completed on its historic neighborhoods. Wilton now wants to put this historic neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places. A 2026 CLG Grant has been submitted for this project by Allgood.

**E. Fairport Fish Hatchery**- The group received $25,000 as mitigation for disturbing a mussel bed on the Mississippi River. This money is earmarked as an endowment to pay for future student transportation to the Fairport Fish Hatchery.

F. **NRHP Big Slough Creek Bridge**- Brase reported that the state has agreed to remove this bridge, but we are waiting for next step in the "Section 106" process.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 @ noon at Muscatine County Administration Center

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.
Minutes submitted by:
Becky Allgood, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Approved by Commission, Date: 10/20/2026