Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission
OFFICIAL PUBLIC AND MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
12 noon, Tuesday, October 20, 2026
At Muscatine County Administration Center, Supervisors Meeting Rm
Muscatine, IA 52761

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

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

- Approval Agenda – Approved (O'Donnell/Harper)
- Approval of September 15, 2026 Minutes – Approved (Koellner/Harper)

Business

A. An HRDP Grant is in the works for Mississippi Courts Historical District – Pruitt is almost done with research, Koellner sent Historian Price approximately 150 different newspaper items and Lerch added some on this district, Brase and Price took pictures of site and inside cabins, and Brase tracked down family names in ancestry. Historian Jennifer Price and Lynn Pruitt are asking for volunteers for this project.

B. MCHPC Web Site – The Commission reviewed a mock up of the MCHPC website. Commission members were encouraged to send pictures to Brase for the webite.

C. Sign Replacement – A motion was made by Allgood to replace a faulty historic sign at McCabe Standard Service Station. O'Donnell seconded motion. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Muscatine REAP Committee – A discussion was held and it was decided that Brase will send them the Historic Preservation items in county and send them all information on Certified Local Governments in the county.
- Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization Grants – It was decided to look into a grant for stagecoach site for next year.

Information updates:

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

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

C. **Wilton CLG/Historical Society -** Wilton has had an Intensive Level Survey completed on it's 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.

D. **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, November 17, 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: 11/17/2026