

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2005

The Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board met in their regular monthly meeting on the above date in the Old Boone County Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

- I. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 5:08 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Bob Schrage, and Bridget Striker. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission and Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the December 9, 2004 Review Board meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Clare moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schrage and approved by all.
- IV. **New and Old Business** – Matt Becher
 - A. **Election of Review Board Officers for 2005** There being no nominations from the floor, Mr. Clare moved to re-elect the current officers. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The officers are: Chair – Mrs. Fox, Vice Chair – Mr. Clare.
 - B. **Winter Review Board Retreat – Followup** Mr. Becher distributed copies of the report from Jane Cassady “Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board Winter Retreat 2005” which included the 2005 Action Plan. The Board members reviewed and prioritized the items on the Action Plan (see attached).
 - C. **Petersburg** Mrs. Fox stated that she will attend the next meeting of a citizens group in Petersburg in order to understand what they are thinking. She suggested that other Board members also attend. Mr. Schrage stated that the Board's job is outreach and the Board needs to find out how to be helpful to the community and preserve its history. Mr. Becher agreed. Mr. Clare recommended that Ms. Fox start the outreach in Petersburg by attending their meeting as she lives there. Mrs. Striker suggested a goal of having open dialogue with the people in Petersburg by the end of the year. Mrs. Fox stated that this will be on-going and she would like Mr. Becher to make a presentation of what a real National Register community is. Mrs. Striker suggested inviting people whose property is on the National Register to attend the presentation so that they can answer any questions.
 - D. **Boonecountyheritage.org annual fee** Mr. Becher asked if the Board wants to continue the web page and ask Mr. Costello to pay the \$35 annual fee again this year. He may be able to get a better price if he buys more than one year at a time.

Mr. Schrage stated that it should only be for a year at this time as the Board will be considering a name change.

- E. Cemetery Grant with Dinsmore and Johnson-Wilson (1) Old Burlington Fund and cemetery relocation update (if any)** This item was deferred to the next meeting for discussion with Jan Garbett.
- F. Preservation Month 2005 (1) Derby Day at Dinsmore** Mr. Becher stated that Marty McDonald wants to have a kick-off meeting and then communicate by e-mail. Tasks will be assigned to everyone at the kick-off meeting. He stated that Marty will get more people on the Dinsmore Board to help this year. Ted Bushelman will help but cannot do as much as he did last year. People will be given specific jobs and times to be there and they will request specific items from the county (such as a tent and sound system). Mrs. Striker stated that she may be able to help. Mr. Becher will let her know when the kick-off meeting will be held.
- (2) Split Rock Conservation Park Open House** This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at Split Rock. **(3) Preservation Awards/Nominees** Mr. Becher questioned having the awards event in conjunction with Derby Day or at the Split Rock Open House in order to have more people attend. He stated that this will be the last Derby Day at Dinsmore if there is not a significant increase in attendance. Following discussion, Mr. Clare recommended that the Awards Event remain a separate event as people may feel slighted by a combined event -- the Awards Event is this Board's event and those who get the awards are honored to be there. Mr. Becher stated that he will go on the assumption that the Awards Event will be at the Old Courthouse in May and will select a date that does not conflict with a Historical Society meeting. At this time, the Board discussed Preservation Awards Recipients to be added to the list presented by Mr. Becher – the Historical Society for a Shirley Mann or Bruce Ferguson Award, the Department of Parks for buying the church at Big Bone, the Library for the education series, Johnson-Wilson for a Cemetery Preservation Award, J. J. Miller (to be contacted in advance to see if he is agreeable) for a Cemetery Preservation Award for donating the Souther Cemetery to Johnson-Wilson and R. C. Durr for donating \$2,000 for the education component of the grant that will cover the cost of brochures, the Bruce Ferguson Award for Sustained Excellence in Historic Preservation to Kevin Costello for sponsoring the Burlington Book and the historic structures book and his support over the years, Archaeological Site Preservation Award to Hopeful Lutheran Church, Cemetery Preservation Award to Dr. Huey and Tim Stephens for Hamilton-Chambers Cemetery, Cemetery Preservation Award to Johnson-Wilson Cemetery Stewards Association, Preservation Craftsmanship Award to Tommy Feldhaus for the new roof on the Rabbit Hash General Store and the interior work he did without charge, and a Building Preservation Award to Dan Weber for the Dr. Mittendorf house. Mr. Schrage suggested publishing in What's Happening a list of properties that were not preserved and have been lost and giving an "award" for the worst historic preservation organization. Mrs. Fox added that there should also be discussion about how the loss could have been prevented.
- G. 2004 – 2005 Federal Survey and Planning (i.e. CLG) Grant proposal** Mr. Becher stated that the grant is to reprint the Heritage Tourism Map and produce a

booklet about the Fort Ancient culture in Boone County. The application needs to be submitted by February 25, 2005.

- H. Update 2003 – 2004 CLG Grant** Mr. Becher distributed copies of the February 10, 2005 Boone County Recorder article “*Historic Boone Homes in running for National Register*”. He stated that ten people have committed to be on the National Register and he will talk to Bob Schwenke about the old buildings on his farm which may be National Register eligible. He is also trying to get in touch with the owner of the Florence Deposit Bank Building.
- I. Spring Heritage Education Series, Fall Heritage Education Series** Mr. Becher stated that Tony Frohlich will make a presentation at 7 PM on Monday at the Lents branch and Don Miller will make a presentation on Split Rock Archaeology on April 4. Matt Becher will do a Burlington tour and presentation at 11 AM on Saturday April 23 and that evening he will do the Petersburg Distillery presentation at Verasteau in Aurora (Indiana). He will make a presentation on Frank Milburn to the Historical Society on May 19. He stated that Richard Crisler wants to do a presentation on Tousey Town in the fall.
- J. Other** **(1) Frank Milburn Films** Mr. Becher stated that he has two films that Frank Milburn produced in the 1950’s and wants to transfer them to DVD format at a cost of approximately \$500. One is a silent film which could be narrated over (it has a picture of a truck coming down Burlington Pike in 1950) and the other one is an episode of Invenoscope (a television show where people showed their inventions). He stated that the Board may be able to get a local history grant if it can be demonstrated that the DVDs will be shared with the community. It would be a 50/50 grant and the Board would need to pay about \$250. There could be copies of the DVDs in the library and there could be an unveiling event. He would need to apply for the grant by March 31 and would receive notification back by June 1. Mrs. Striker stated that she will talk to the library about it. Mr. Becher stated that he does not think anyone would turn it down if the Board partners with the library. **(2) Kiger Murder Trial Play** Mr. Schrage suggested organizing a community play at the Old Courthouse of the Kiger murder trial. The Board members and others in the community could act in the play and there could be an admission charge. Mr. Clare stated that it could be on cable. Ms. Fox stated that it could be a dinner theater event. The Board will consider this for a future event. **(3) Johnson-Wilson Fundraiser Event** Mrs. Striker stated that the Johnson-Wilson Fundraiser Event will be held on April 29 at Briarwood and she will send out invitations. **(4) Fort Ancient Culture in Boone County** Mr. Becher stated that there is a cost of \$11,375 to do a 32-page booklet about the Fort Ancient culture in Boone County. He questioned how many copies to order. He stated that Kentucky Heritage Council will take 1,500 to give out to other groups, for educational opportunities, and to sell at their conference and other events to raise money to reprint the booklets. He stated that the Board could give the booklets out on request and possibly target areas like Petersburg. He does not want to get involved in selling them. Mr. Clare suggested doing a talk in conjunction with the booklet. Mrs. Fox stated that she would like to see the booklets available – but if they are just given out they do not have as much value to people. She questioned the small shop in Petersburg and the store in Rabbit Hash being able to sell them.

The Board determined that they will start with a thousand booklets. **(5) Historic Tax Credits - Mr. Schrage moved that the Board endorse the Historic Tax Credits which are being proposed as part of tax modernization and send the endorsement to Paul Marcotte, Governor Fletcher, Senator Dick Roeding and anyone else in Northern Kentucky. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (6) Zion Baptist Church CLG Grant** Mr. Becher stated that Zion Baptist Church in Walton wants to do its own CLG Grant application to locate the grave of their first pastor on the lot where the church was originally located. They want to identify the grave, fence it, and put up a monument. He does not know that this Board can help them financially as the cemetery grant money is gone and the small cemetery grant from the Historical Society will not be offered this year, but he advised them to contact Jan Garbett. Jeanine Kreinbrink has also talked to them.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schrage moved to adjourn. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on March 10, 2005 at 5:00 PM in the Old Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

Matt Becher, Rural/Open Space Planner
Boone County Planning Commission

Pat Fox, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date