

**Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 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 Vice Chair Don Clare at 5:06 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Vice Chair Don Clare, Ted Bushelman, Rick Duncan, Sarah Kahmann, and Bob Schrage. 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 February 10, 2005 Review Board meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Schrage moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bushelman and approved by all.
- IV. **New and Old Business** – **Matt Becher**
  - A. **Introduction of New Review Board Members** Mr. Clare introduced new Board members Rick Duncan and Sarah Kahmann and asked that they tell the Board a little about themselves. Mr. Duncan and his father were in the homebuilding business and he now repairs homes. He is very interested in history. Ms. Kahmann's husband is a builder. She has served on the Dinsmore Board and is interested in preservation and history.
  - B. **Annual Plan Budget Items**
    1. **Plaque Program** Mr. Becher reviewed original Plaque Program from 1991 and stated that only eleven plaques have been purchased over the last thirteen years. He believes that people do not want to pay \$100 for a plaque. He recommended asking Fiscal Court for funding for 16 plaques this year, 16 plaques next year, 10 plaques the following year, and at least 5 plaques a year thereafter. The first 42 plaques will be for the properties the Board has given awards to over the last few years. Mr. Clare stated that there was a lot of interest in the Plaque Program when it started, but people tended not to participate because they had to pay \$100 for the plaque. He stated this is a way to get the plaques out and for the Board to pay for them. Mr. Becher stated that he could get aluminum plaques for less money and asked if the Board wants to do that or continue with the bronze plaques. Mr. Clare stated that there is a mold for the plaques and he prefers to stay with the bronze. Mr. Bushelman will check on a possible source to get them for less money. Mr. Becher would like to get prices from different sources in case Fiscal Court wants the information. Mr. Schrage stated that the bronze plaques are classy and he does

not think aluminum plaques will preserve outside as well as bronze does. **Mr. Schrage moved that the Board request \$2,000 from Fiscal Court this year and in subsequent years, as stated by Mr. Becher, to fund the Plaque Program. Mr. Bushelman seconded the motion and it was approved by all.** Mr. Becher stated that Mr. Costello may want a Board member to attend the Fiscal Court meeting.

2. **Kentucky Historical Society Grant for Frank Milburn Films** Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Striker will do the \$400 grant request through the Library. He and two other Staff Members will narrate the silent film.
  3. **Boonecountyheritage.org annual fee** Mr. Becher stated that Kevin Costello has paid the \$35 fee for one year for the web page.
- C. Cemetery Grant with Dinsmore and Johnson-Wilson** Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Striker is the contact between this Board and the Johnson-Wilson Board. He stated that Jerry Garbett will do some of the work in the cemetery in the spring as part of the grant and bill the Board. We still need a fencing company to put up a fence, to get a plaque, and to have a couple of trees removed. He stated that getting a Kentucky Historic Highway marker would take a year and he does not think we will get it because they do not give them to cemeteries unless there is a prominent historical Kentucky person buried there. If a lot of research was done and an application submitted, it might be successful. He recommended buying a roadside marker plaque out of the budgeted \$1,600 and asking Public Works to put it up and maintain it. Mr. Clare stated that the marker they bought in Rabbit Hash was \$4,000. Mr. Bushelman will check on a possible source for the marker and a cost estimate. Mr. Becher stated that the money is budgeted for the plaque, but we do not have the cash for 200 feet of wrought iron and will probably use aluminum or vinyl-look-alike on the back fence line. He questioned a source for the work. Mr. Clare suggested getting ideas from Covington or Newport. Mr. Becher will also talk to Margaret Warminski about it.
- D. Review Annual Report for 2004** Mr. Becher will ask Jim Parsons for fifteen minutes at a Fiscal Court meeting to present a summary of what the Board has accomplished over the past year. He will do this annually. Mr. Clare suggested that all the Board members attend the Fiscal Court meeting. Mr. Schrage suggested telling Fiscal Court that the Board started an Annual Retreat this year and laid out a Two-Year Action Plan -- and as part of that plan the Board will be asking Fiscal Court for funds for the Plaque Program. Mr. Becher stated that he sent a copy of the Action Plan to Jim Parsons. Mr. Clare suggested including the Historic Structures book and the Oral History Program. Mr. Becher will find out how many have books have been sold and have the information available. Mr. Schrage stated that Board members are doing articles for the Northern Kentucky Encyclopedia (Mr. Clare is doing 12 articles and Mr. Schrage is doing 7 or 8).
- E. Review Board –Dinsmore Homebuilders Partnership** Mr. Becher stated that this item will be on the Agenda next month when Ms. Fox is present. He stated that it was discussed at the annual retreat that Dinsmore has been in trouble over the last few years – they are cutting back Staff and the buildings are deteriorating. He stated that the recommendation was to talk to the homebuilders about helping out with time and materials, which would be a community assistance program that

they could use in their advertising. Mr. Clare stated that the approach is not to ask them for money, but to ask them to help by donating time and materials. Mr. Becher stated that they could also sponsor a maintenance program. Mr. Duncan will make contact with the President of the Homebuilders' Association and get in touch with Mr. Becher and he will contact Mr. Schrage. Mr. Clare stated that this is an on-going project and there will be further discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Bushelman stated that the Homebuilders' Association does projects and gives money and he believes this is a good fit. Mr. Becher stated that he, Bob Schrage, Marty McDonald and a top staff person or Board member from Dinsmore should get together with Mr. Dressman and discuss the partnership.

- F. Preservation Month 2005 (1) Derby Day at Dinsmore (May 7)** Mr. Becher stated that there was a Derby Day meeting yesterday. They will get the volunteers lined up and assign time slots. Mr. Bushelman will handle the television, cocktail tables and glasses. He does not need a bartender, but needs someone to bring a bar. Mr. Becher stated that the county will put up a tent, a stage, and picnic tables and take care of the garbage. He questioned contest prizes. Mr. Schrage suggested having a Burlington book signing at Derby Day – purchasing the books for \$12 and selling them for \$20 – and giving the \$8 to Dinsmore. He stated that the invitations last year gave the option of sending in a donation. Mr. Becher agreed that will be done again this year. He stated that there was discussion at the meeting that there cannot be any gambling at the event because of the alcohol. He will discuss this with the Committee again. Mr. Schrage will work on the silent auction. **(2) Split Rock Conservation Park Open House** This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at Split Rock. **(3) Preservation Awards/Nominees** Mr. Becher stated that since the last meeting, Ms. Striker submitted St. Joseph's Academy for an Underground Railroad plaque. Mr. Clare stated that the plaque will be put up in Rabbit Hash on Monday, March 21, at 10 AM and there will be about 80 children and their families there, as well as the press and public officials, and possibly people from the Freedom Center. He stated that Jan Garbett teaches at St. Joseph's Academy in Walton and there was a contest for grade school children to design an Underground Railroad marker. They won first place, which was \$800, and the children decided that they would buy a plaque with the money and put it on the river bank at Rabbit Hash because there was a lot of activity between Rabbit Hash and Rising Sun during slavery. He agreed that they should get a Preservation Award. Mr. Becher stated that the Awards Ceremony will be on Thursday, May 26, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Mr. Schrage will not be able to attend.
- G. Mary Ingles Event at Big Bone Marina/Jane's Saddlebag (April 15 – 17)** Mr. Becher will set up the display board at the event, but will only leave it out on Saturday if there are other Board members there to take care of it. He will include flyers for Derby Day. Mr. Clare stated that Nancy Blackmore will probably let it be at her place and keep it inside overnight.
- H. Heritage Education Series Updates and other events** Mr. Clare stated that he would like this Board and Bridget Striker and the Library to put on a local history awareness seminar to show younger people the wealth of history there is in the county and generate interest. It would be a good educational program. He stated that Bridget Striker's new position at Scheben branch will be Local Historian. Mr.

Becher stated that he believes Bridget will have additional ideas. He stated that the Boone County Historical Society recently elected new officers and that Laurie Wilcox is the Vice President.

- I. Other (1) 2005 Action Plan** Mr. Becher stated that the Board members have received the final version of the 2005 Action Plan and many of the tasks are in progress. **(2) Historic Marker in Burlington** Mr. Schrage suggested encouraging the county to incorporate an historic marker as part of the TEA-21 work. **Mr. Schrage moved to ask the county to consider putting a state historic marker in Burling as they do the renovation on TEA-21. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion and it was approved by all.** **(3) Future CLG Grant Project** Mr. Clare stated that Jan Garbett and Bridget Striker discovered that the cemetery work done by Ann and William Fitzgerald did not include black burials. If there were black people buried in the cemetery, they overlooked them on purpose. Many of those graves have markers. He recommended a future CLG project of looking at all the cemeteries again.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bushelman moved to adjourn. Mr. Schrage seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on April 14, 2005 at 5:00 PM in the Old Clerk's Building behind the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Hancock, Recording Secretary

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

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Don Clare, Vice Chair  
Historic Preservation Review Board

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