

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 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 5:05 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** Review Board members present were Chair Pat Fox, Vice Chair Don Clare, Rick Duncan, Sarah Kahmann, and Bob Schrage. Also present were Matt Becher representing the Staff of the Boone County Planning Commission, Recording Secretary Jan Hancock, and guest Pat Lense - President of Friends of Big Bone.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** The Minutes of the April 14, 2005 Review Board meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Schrage explained that his intent under *Other – Item (2)* was that the Board consider changing the name – not that the name of the Board be changed. With that clarification, Mr. Schrage moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duncan and approved by all those present. Mr. Clare was not yet present
- IV. **New and Old Business** – Matt Becher
 - A. **Cemetery Issues**
 1. **Old Burlington Cemetery Grant Update** Mr. Becher provided copies of the artwork for the plaque for Old Burlington Cemetery. The plaque will be 18” x 24” without the bracket and approximately 24” x 30” with the bracket and it will be made by the same company that made the plaque in Rabbit Hash. The plaque is well worth \$1,700 and the deposit has been made. The Board members approved the plaque and Mr. Becher signed off on the artwork. He stated that the plaque will not be finished for ten or twelve weeks and will be invoiced before it is finished. Public Works will put the plaque up inside the gate of the cemetery at an angle in the area where there are no burials.
 2. **Cemetery Relocation Update** – No discussion
 - B. **Preservation Month**
 1. **Derby Day at Dinsmore (May 7)** Mr. Becher gave the Board members copies of a letter received from Mary McDonald, Executive Director of Dinsmore, and the Preliminary Report showing a net profit of \$623.90. He stated that there was a \$500 grant from Cinergy last year and a \$1,000 grant the year before – and the net profit improved this year even without that money. Derby Day at Dinsmore is getting a little more profitable each year. There were not quite as many people there as they had hoped for, but it was a good time. Ms. Fox stated that there was more press coverage this year and there were follow-up articles with pictures in The Kentucky Post. She will provide copies of the articles to Mr. Becher. She believes attendance will improve with more

coverage of the event. She stated that part of the Derby Day mystique is Ted Bushelman's special mint juleps and people keep coming back for them. Mr. Becher stated that Kevin Costello was very positive about the event but feels that this Board and Dinsmore should decide earlier if the event is going to be held and agree on a theme and a game plan. The planning was a month behind this year -- the invitations need to get out earlier and there needs to be a marketing plan. He passed out a flyer for Ricky Nye & the Swingin' Mudbugs and suggested making a deal with him now. **Mr. Clare moved that the Historic Preservation Review Board partner with Dinsmore and support a Derby Day event next year. Ms. Fox seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

2. Split Rock Conservation Park Open House (May 21) Mr. Becher stated that Ms. Fox sent around a flyer today about the Split Rock event and he sent it out to everyone on his list. Ms. Fox stated that the cost to get into Split Rock will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

3. Preservation Awards (May 26) Mr. Becher stated that the Preservation Awards event will be in the second floor courtroom of the courthouse from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. He has asked Judge Moore to do the welcome and opening comments. He has invited the Commissioners and other important people in the county. John Stanton will be invited and may need to fill in for Judge Moore if he cannot attend. Bruce Ferguson will present the final award to Kevin Costello. County Seat will cater the event with hors d'oeuvres. He questioned recognition and possibly dedicating an award to John Caldwell. He could put his picture and information on the back of the brochure. Mr. Clare stated that John Caldwell was an original member of this Board and suggested dedicating the evening to him. Ms. Fox suggested making it a tradition that the evening is dedicated to someone either living or dead.

C. Friends of Big Bone Support Mr. Pat Lense, President of Friends of Big Bone, stated that they would like to partner with this Board on a number of projects *(1) Big Bone Methodist Church* He stated that Kentucky State Parks bought the Old Big Bone Methodist Church three years ago and have been trying to get funds to repair it. Over the past four months, they have been able to get a commitment from the State of Kentucky for \$150,000 to repair the church, but after looking at it with Patrick Kennedy, they realized it would be a waste to repair the inside of the church because the roof and gutters are in bad shape. They are looking for a project manager to start repairing the roof and gutters. He stated that the road is part of the problem because it drains towards the church and the water and salt from the road rush into the basement. The lowest beam in the front needs to be replaced because of the water and salt. He asked the Board to partner with Big Bone in regard to the church -- not to donate physical help -- but because the Board's support may give them leverage in dealing with suppliers and in asking for donations. One of their members has suggested going to the Home Builders' Association for help. He stated that after the inside is fixed up, the plan is for Friends of Big Bone to take the second floor for their home, but the big issue now is to stabilize the outside. He stated that the church will be used for more community activities after the repairs are made. Mr. Clare stated that when this

Board approaches the Home Builders' Association, he would like not only Dinsmore to be a project, but also the church at Big Bone. Mr. Schrage stated that Dinsmore and the church could be included on the current application. **Mr. Schrage moved that the Board send a letter of support and endorsement to Friends of Big Bone and that when this Board approaches the Home Builders' Association, Big Bone Methodist Church and Dinsmore will be included in the request. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion and it was approved by all.** Mr. Lense was in favor of the Board's action. Mr. Duncan suggested that Friends of Big Bone also make application to the Home Builders' Association regarding the church. Mr. Becher will provide Mr. Lense with a copy of the application form. **(2) Mary Ingles** Mr. Lense stated that they are planning the 250th Anniversary of Mary Ingles escape from Big Bone Lick along with a family reunion of her descendants in July. They would like to be able to say that this Board is behind them. He asked for letters of support. He stated that the event will be held at Big Bone during the day, there will be a dinner on Saturday night at Split Rock, and one of the descendants will conduct services on Sunday at the church. More information is available on their website (friendsofbigbone.org). He stated that they have invested \$860 in a plaque that will be installed outside the new Visitors Center at the museum. The plaque will be dedicated to the 250th Anniversary of Mary Ingles and say that the descendents were here on July 16, 2005. **Mr. Clare moved that the Board write a letter supporting Friends of Big Bone and their efforts. Mrs. Kahmann seconded the motion and it was approved by all.** Ms. Fox asked if Friends of Big Bone wants to partner with this Board on future events. Mr. Lense responded "yes".

- D. Heritage Education Series Updates (1) Petersburg Summer Heritage Series** Mr. Becher stated that there will be a presentation on Saturday, July 23, about the Petersburg Archaeology Salvage Operation last summer. On August 20 or 27, Laurie Wilcox will do a program about the Loder Diary research. **(2) Fall 2005 Heritage Education Series** Mr. Becher stated that Richard Crisler will do a presentation on Touseytown – it is not yet scheduled but will be after September 1. Matt Becher will do a presentation on the Films & Photographs of Frank Milburn (Note: There is a grant to restore those films). Bruce Ferguson or Asa Rouse will do a presentation on the Kiger murder trial. He stated that the Kiger murder trial play will be held again at the Old Courthouse on July 14 at 7:30 PM. There is a meeting of this Board that evening and he suggested attending the play after the meeting.
- E. Other (1) Frank Milburn Presentation** Matt Becher will present a Frank Milburn history on Thursday, May 19, at the Florence Government Center at 7:30 PM. He asked the Board members to attend. Frank Milburn had a machine shop in Burlington and people would bring prototypes to him and he would help them develop manufacturable devices. He also did secret WW II production. **(2) Fiscal Court – Presentation of Annual Plan and Highlights of the 2005 Action Plan** Mr. Becher stated that he was left off the last Fiscal Court Agenda and is now scheduled to present this Board's Annual Plan and highlights of the 2005 Action Plan to Fiscal Court on May 24. Mr. Schrage stated that at the end of the year, the Board could make a list of properties lost in order to make Fiscal Court and

everyone else aware of the historic properties that have been lost. Mr. Clare agreed and suggested including bulldozed cemeteries. Ms. Fox and Mr. Becher agreed. Mr. Clare suggested also including Petersburg School. He stated that it is not necessary to indicate who is responsible. Mr. Schrage agreed that the Board does not need to make a judgment and there should just be a list of what was lost. Mr. Clare will work with Mr. Becher to make the list and will include the motel on U.S. 42. Mr. Becher stated that CVS Pharmacy would not allow him to take pictures when the motel was razed. Mr. Schrage stated that when he gets a rejection like that, he should let the Board members know as they may be able to contact an official or possibly know someone who could help. **(3) New Kentucky Historic Preservation Tax Credit** Mr. Becher stated that there will be workshops on Wednesday, June 8 at noon and at 5:00 PM in Newport by the Kentucky Heritage Council (JoAnn Hinton, Executive Director of Preservation Kentucky, and Scott Walters) about the new state Historic Preservation Tax Credit. He will attend the workshop at noon. **(4) Mary Ingles Trail** Mr. Clare stated that his idea is for a long-term project of recreating the Mary Ingles Trail to promote tourism and to protect historic and natural resources. He presented a GIS map done by Dave Geohegan showing the Mary Ingles Trail. He wants to get money together to get a feasibility study done. He stated that the Board may be able to get a planning grant for \$2,500 and Mr. Costello has indicated that he may match it. IS-TEA money may be available for pedestrian and bike paths. Federal money may be available for promoting health with the running and bicycle trails. He stated that there is a scenic river trail and there could be signage on the shore for food and drinks. Dave Geohegan has already thought about trails and there could be loops that are half-day or full-day trips for groups, families or singles. The project will need a lot of partners coming together and getting the easements will be a major task. The easiest place to start would be Rabbit Hash and Lower River Road and it would not take any money to initiate that segment. The overall Mary Ingles Trail would be a very long-term project.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Schrage moved to adjourn. Mr. Clare seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on June 9, 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, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board

Date