

Boone County Historic Preservation Review Board
Meeting Minutes
June 07, 2007
5:00 PM

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 Board members present participated in a general discussion of the Item Updates until Mr. Clare arrived and a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Fox at 5:21 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, Recording Secretary Jan Hancock, and guest Stephanie Salmons from The Boone County Recorder.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** Mr. Schrage moved to approve the minutes of the May 2007 Review Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fox and approved by all.

- IV. **Item Updates** Mr. Becher reviewed the Staff Report in regard to the Item Updates:
 1. **Preservation Month/Awards Recap** Mr. Becher passed out copies of the letter Don Clare received from George Budig at Richwood Farm praising the Preservation Awards program and the efforts of this Board to preserve Boone County's heritage.
 2. **Gunpowder Creek Archaeological Survey** No additional information
 3. **FY 2006-2007 CLG Grant (Gaines Tavern/Old Courthouse)** No additional information is anticipated until November.
 4. **Old Burlington Cemetery** Mr. Becher stated that the tree that fell has been removed, but the fence is still on the property. Don Clare's brother-in-law is a welder and he could repair the fence at an estimated cost of \$2,420. The cost from another company to replace the fence would be \$3,570. Mr. Becher stated that the Board does not have the funds to pay for either. Mrs. Striker recommended asking the R. C. Durr Foundation for a donation to cover the expense. Mr. Schrage moved that Mr. Becher draft a letter to be signed by Ms. Fox asking the R. C. Durr Foundation for the money. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The letter will include information about the cost of repair (\$2,420) and the cost of replacement (\$3,570) so that the Foundation can make a choice, as well as a photograph of the damage to the fence, and information regarding the financial condition of this Board.
 5. **Historic Boone County column** Mr. Schrage will do an article for September.
 6. **Log House on the Griesser Farm** No additional information
 7. **National Register Property Owners outreach** Mr. Becher passed around a sample of the letter to be sent to the National Register property owners. Mr. Clare

moved to mail the letter as written. Mrs. Striker seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

V. **Items for Discussion and/or Action**

1. **Courthouse Attic Cleanup/Archives** Mr. Becher stated that Library Director Cindy Brown, Mrs. Striker, Tony Froehlich, Bruce Ferguson, County Administrators, and he attended a meeting on May 17 with Judge/Executive Gary Moore to discuss creating an archival facility for Boone County's old records. There will be a follow-up meeting on June 18. He will invite the Circuit Clerk, who will be in charge of most of what is in the attic, and County Clerk Rene Ping who has authority over what is in the Administration Building. Mrs. Striker stated that the first priority is to secure the originals and then to assess what has to be done to make the information publicly available (not the originals). The books will be treated differently than the individual records. She stated that the Board needs to get a grant for this purpose. Mr. Becher stated that the county has official legal records, such as land documents, that must be kept. There are also old photographs, the Fitzgerald collection, the Walton Advertiser, etc. There are issues as to where items will be stored and what will be microfilmed.
2. **Boone County Fair** Mr. Becher stated that there was discussion about whether the Planning Commission would continue to have the two booths at the Fair and a decision was made last night to keep the booths for this year. He stated that if the Planning Commission decides in the future to give up the booths, then this Board needs to make a decision whether to continue having a booth at the Fair or not. Mr. Costello asked him to get input from this Board. He stated that there have been suggestions in the past that this Board get other preservation organizations involved to help cover the cost and staff the booth. Mrs. Striker stated that the library would be willing to act as a coordinator for all of the preservation organizations in the county so that they can co-sponsor programs and share the costs. Mr. Clare stated that Friends of Big Boone would like to be involved with this Board. Following discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. Becher will tell Mr. Costello that if the Planning Commission does not want to continue with the booth in the future, this Board will take it over. Mr. Becher suggested *Courthouses* as the theme for the Fair this year. He could display pictures of the old courthouse in Boone County and the sister courthouse in Texas and tell their stories. He could also present pictures and text about the other eight courthouses in the state that were designed by the same people. Ms. Fox will work with Mr. Becher to put together a Newsletter in July so that it is ready in time for the Fair.
3. **July 2007 Review Board Meeting** The Board agreed to cancel the July and August meetings. The Board's next meeting will be on September 13.
4. **Other (1) Presentation to Fiscal Court** Mr. Becher spoke with Jeff Earlywine about presenting an update of this Board's activities to Fiscal Court at their meeting on July 10 or July 24. Ms. Fox suggested July 10. Mr. Becher will let Mr. Earlywine know of the date. Mr. Clare asked all the Board members to attend. Mr. Becher will contact Mr. Duncan, Mr. Bushelman and Mrs. Salsbury so that they can plan to attend the Fiscal Court meeting on July 10. The meeting begins at 5:30 PM. **(2) Community Information Packages** Mrs. Striker stated that one of the library's goals for next year is to put together community

packages. If the Board selects a target community for next year's Preservation Awards ceremony, then the library can put together a package with oral histories, photographs, newspaper articles, displays, etc. She suggested recognizing some of the smaller communities, such as Rabbit Hash or Francisville. **(3) Wine Tasting in Rabbit Hash** on June 15 from 7 PM to 9 PM on the second floor of the barn. **(4) Lewis & Clark Exhibit** Mrs. Striker stated that the library will sponsor the Lewis & Clark traveling exhibit in September.

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 5:58 PM. The next meeting of The Historic Preservation Review Board will be on September 13, 2007 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