

**Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area**  
Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2003  
Location: Woodson County Ambulance Meeting Room  
Yates Center, Ks.

Chris Meinhardt	Constitution Hall-Topeka and TKHA
Martha Parker	Clinton Lake Museum
Dave Evans	Hobbs Park Memorial
Kerry Altenbernd	Black Jack Battlefield Trust
Bill Freeman	Leroy, KS
Mickey Hicks	Yates Center
Shelia Lampe	Woodson County Chamber of Commerce
Eileen Robertson	Humboldt
Emma Crites	Fredonia Tourism
Carolyn Green	Humboldt Chamber
Kelly Pearl	Pottawatomie Econ. Development
Sharole Prahl	Baldwin City CVB
John Daugherty	NPS Fort Scott
Judy Billings	Lawrence CVB
Dale Nimz	Lawrence
John Nichols	Miami County Historical Society
Emily Hunter & Guests	Matfield Green
Debbie White	Lawrence CVB
Gwen Martin	Yates Center
Steve Collins	Quindaro Archeological Ruins

Judy Billings called the meeting to at 10:10 a.m. Mickey Hicks Vice President of the Woodson County Chamber of Commerce and member of the Yates Center City Council welcomed everyone to Yates Center and Woodson County. Judy thanked Yates Center for hosting everyone. Introductions were made and the sign in sheet was passed around for attendance.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Eileen Robertson made the motion to approve the minutes and Kerry Altenbernd seconded the motion and it carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Data Review:**

Debbie White submitted the data for approval that had been submitted to her to this point. She still needs list of guided tours, events etc. She needs this as soon as possible as it needs to be in the feasibility report also.

**Asset Data Report:**

Eileen Robertson gave the report on the data asset she explained why some things were questioned; some need to be value added because of the historical data behind it. She had plenty of authenticity that showed up with the data. There is a good balance of sites and interpretive centers. Signage is good in the north but need more signage in the south.

**Organizational Structure:**

Debbie White gave a report on Silos and Smoke Stacks, Gwen Martin gave a report over the Erie Canal the Silos and Smoke Stacks seem to be the best scenario Judy suggested that everyone go the search engines and type in Heritage Areas and get info and then verbalize more to the committee.

**Web Site:**

Dave Evans presented a print version of the Web Site he has worked with Red Design we need now need to come up with a password it will be list on the feasibility study. He is currently working on URL.

**Partners and Funding:**

Updates on funding Scott Alegrucci presented a \$ 15,000 check to Judy in Lawrence the picture will appear in the Dept of Commerce newspaper, Judy wrote a than you letter and everyone signed it to be sent to his office. New donations from the locals are Wamego \$75.00 Paola \$ 250.00 Clinton Lake Historical Society \$ 100.00 we have reach a total of \$ 26,000.

**Feasibility Study:**

Lengthy discussion was held over the feasibility study. If anyone wanted to add in anything it needed to be done by the end of December, but please keep the structure the same. The feasibility study will become part of the management plan. Eileen made the point that participants need to able to link so we need to start taking notes for the future. As soon as the study is done it will go to the National Park Service and Historians then they will report to Congress. The Congressional Delegation will use this report lobby Congress. We will also be able to use for our local use.

**Announcements:**

The new Kansas Get Away Guide is out. Fredonia has a rack card done on Yahola. Need to send rack cards or any kind of brochures etc. to Debbie so they may be sent out with the feasibility study. The four county tours of Allen, Coffey Wilson and Woodson will be advertised in the Southeast Kansas Living Magazine. The kick off for the tour will be with the Art Train at Leroy sometime in June. Black Jack Battlefield Park had over 50 people attend their ceremony at the park this past fall.

**Next Meeting:**

Next January 15, 2004 in Wamego at the Kaw Valley State Bank

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelia Lampe, Acting Scribe