

Geary County Museum - Junction City
March 10, 2005

Attendees:

Emma Crites	Fredonia Tourism
Tristan Smith	Johnson County Museum
Eileen Robertson	Humboldt Chamber Tourism
John Nichols	Miami County Historical Society
Kerry Altenbernd	Black Jack Battlefield Trust
Bill Freeman	LeRoy
Alan Winkler	Wabaunsee County Historical Society
Kerry Lippincott	Watkins Museum
Rebecca Phipps	Watkins Museum
Clif Gordon	Wakefield Museum
Ron Harris	1 st Territorial Capital & Geary County Museum
Debbie White	Lawrence CVB
Judy Billings	Lawrence CVB
Susan Henderson	Lawrence CVB
Martha Piland	MB Piland

Ron Harris welcomed attendees to the museum and acquainted us with the rich history of Fort Riley and Junction City. Attendees introduced themselves.

There being no changes or additions to the **AGENDA**, Judy Billings declared it approved.

After corrections, John Nichols approved the March **MINUTES**, and Emma Crites seconded. Motion carried.

No **FINANCIAL REPORT**

OLD BUSINESS

MARKETING REPORT: Martha Piland presented a draft of an introductory Bleeding Kansas brochure. Judy explained that this brochure will not include sites or events. Its purpose is to explain heritage areas and to communicate the purpose and nature of Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom Heritage Area.

We need to familiarize Kansans with our Bleeding Kansas concept; two main reasons for creating a brochure at this time: educate and encourage funding. Since we have not yet been designated, "National" will not appear; the name will read Bleeding Kansas Heritage Area.

Attendees highly approved brochure concept, content, and artwork. The cover has a muted, tawny background with a hazy reproduction of the famous Topeka Capital Building portrait of John Brown. "Bleeding Kansas" is printed across the top in rust-red (same as logo) and "Freedom's Frontier" appears at the bottom in deep blue (same as logo). Inside text will define heritage areas and give Bleeding Kansas historical background.

A series of small photographs depicting elements of Bleeding Kansas will reflect settlers' prairie schooner, military action, Native American and Black presence. 10,000 brochures will

be printed. Final draft of brochure will not be available at the April meeting. We will receive the final draft via email. It will be printed in time for Sampler.

In addition to brochure, Piland is creating letterhead, envelope stickers, and business cards with our logo.

Cost for design and printing of the above articles, including brochures, will be approximately \$4,000 plus.

Judy asked attendees to encourage their chambers and other organizations to donate \$25 and to ask county commissioners for \$100. Of course, individual contributions were encouraged also. Judy explained that at this crucial time, partners who gave two years ago for the Feasibility Study need to give evidence of their continuing support of BKNHA. Kansas officials, NPS, and Congress need to know that our exuberance and energy have not waned and that we are still moving forward, ready to embark on the big job after designation. An investment of money is a concrete indication of our interest and commitment. She reminded us that money will continue to come from her office to assist with printing costs, as it did for the feasibility study and branding; however, grass roots contributions will help with expenses and add strength to our argument for wanting and deserving designation.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION: On Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 2:30 pm, Judy Billings' testimony will be read by Senator Brownback at a hearing in support of Senate Bill 175 (a bill to establish Bleeding Kansas and Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area), presented to Energy and Natural Resources National Parks Subcommittee, Craig Thomas, Chairman. Judy's testimony will be made available to us via email.

Additional testimony will be given by a representative of the National Park Service.

Judy distributed to attendees a copy of S.175 (H.R. 413) introduced by Senator Brownback and Representative Ryun.

Judy indicated that present Washington concerns lie in private property protection. She included in her testimony that we are aware of this concern and have, from the beginning, wanted only willing partners. We have never forced partnerships or abused private property. Re: Private Property Protection: We will need to get in writing from property owners that they want to be part of BKNHA.

DISCUSSION OF CAMP SACKETT & CA/OR TRAIL SITUATION: Privately owned property (see historical description above) in Douglas County is in danger of becoming a quarry. Paul Bahnmaier reported that lawyers have been in contact. Planning Commission meets April 27th. Kerry Altenbernd suggested that Paul talk to the land owner and surrounding land owners. Emphasize the necessity for historic preservation and the need to get the quarry stopped. Preservation and Tourism need to present counter argument.

SAMPLER FESTIVAL: Introductory Bleeding Kansas brochure will be available to distribute at the Newton Sampler Festival. Use discretion in passing it out as an educational tool. Choose your recipients wisely.

ESSAY CONTEST: Judy announced a National Endowment for the Humanities: We the People essay contest for high school juniors. Topic: Freedom's Light: How democracy defeated totalitarianism. Deadline: April 15. Prize: trip to Washington, DC. www.neh.gov for details.

NEW BUSINESS

PARTNERSHIPS AND SITE DESIGNATION: To help prepare for eligibility as partners, attendees were referred to an example application form: 2004 Partner Site Designation Application used by Silos & Smoke Stacks National Heritage Area. Attendees recognized similarities between the last two pages and Asset Data previously required of BKNHA partners prior to the Feasibility Study.

A committee was organized to create a map showing multiple connections between partner sites. Committee members, John Nichols, Tristan Smith, Emma Crites, and Paul Bahnmaier, can communicate by email.

Meeting adjourned 11:51 am.

**THANKS FOR BRINGING HARD COPIES OF MARCH MINUTES & APRIL AGENDA TO NEXT MEETING,
APRIL 14, 2005, AT FREDONIA.**

FUTURE MEETINGS: May 12, Mine Creek Battlefield; June 9, 2005, Manhattan; July 14, Baldwin City; August 11, Leavenworth; September 8, Ottawa; October 13, LeRoy

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Robertson, Explorer 1450