



Minutes from TKHA/BKHA Meeting, February 9, 2006 at Johnson County Museum,
Shawnee, Kansas

Attendees:

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| Clif Gordon | Wakefield Museum |
| Ken & Mary Asher | Mound City Historical Society |
| Bob Jones | Shawnee City Historical Society |
| Tristan Smith | Johnson County Museum |
| Don & Susan Traub | Traub Design Assoc. |
| Diane Niehoff | Baldwin City CVB |
| Kerry Altenbernd | Black Jack Battlefield Trust |
| Dale Nimz | Lawrence |
| Dennis Toll | Manhattan CVB |
| Julie Mulvihill | Kansas Humanities Council |
| Ron Harris | Geary County Museum & Historical Society |
| Dennis Enslinger | City of Merriam |
| Eileen Robertson | Humboldt Tourism |
| Debbie Divine | KS Scenic Byways |
| Sally Hatcher | Leavenworth |
| Rebecca Phipps | Watkins Museum |
| Sue Gervasini | Leavenworth |
| Jo Ann Farrow | Leavenworth |
| Bobbie Athon | KS State Historical Society |
| Bob Keckeisen | KS State Historical Society |
| Cheryl Collins | Riley County Historical Museum |
| Peggy Stanton | Doniphan County |
| Bill Freeman | Coffey County-LeRoy |
| Emma Crites | Fredonia Tourism |
| Elly McCoy | Chanute |
| Peggy Clark | Osage County |
| Bob Carlson | Marysville Mainstreet |
| Sonia Smith | Ottawa/Franklin County CVB |
| Deborah Barker | Franklin County Historical Society/Old Depot |
| Alexis Radil | Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop |
| Amy Garton | Olathe Chamber/CVB |
| Julie Frisbie | Jefferson County Historical Society |
| Don Lambart | Kansas City, MO |
| Paul Bahnmaier | Lecompton Historical Society |
| Chris Meinhardt | Constitution Hall – Topeka |
| Doug Jones | Shawnee County Historical Society |
| Bart Cohen | BK Advisory Board |
| Emanuel Northern | BK Advisory Board |
| Christine Northern | Vernon Center, KC, KS |
| John Nichols | Miami County Historical Society |
| Debbie White | Lawrence CVB |

Judy Billing
Suzette McCord-Rogers

Lawrence CVB
Native Am Heritage Museum

Tristan Smith with Johnson County Museum welcomed attendees and let them know that the old stone building, now museum, was originally a 2 room schoolhouse. Judy Billings acknowledged three BKHA Advisory Board Members: Bart Cohen, Elly McCoy, and Emanuel Northern. Emanuel announced that productive work continues in the Quindaro Museum, which is near the Quindaro site, also being readied. Other attendees introduced themselves.

After **agenda** was **approved, corrections on February minutes** page 4 were made as follows: End of 1st line should read *Connie Langum*. Second line of 7th item should read Susan and John *Howell*. Middle of the 7th line of middle paragraph should read *sutlers* (not settlers). *Note: Sutlers were camp followers who sold provisions to soldiers.*

Motion to approve February minutes by Clif Gordon. Seconded by Amy Garton.
Motion carried.

Financial Report: In Martha Parker's absence, Judy announced receipt of \$100 from Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop added to January's report of \$1,279.78 which brings unofficial total to \$1, 379.78. Martha will bring a full report in March.

Legislative Report: Judy just returned from Washington, D. C. where she met with the Alliance of National Heritage Areas. As an undesignated heritage area, we are allowed to attend for a fee of \$500, which Lawrence is paying. After designation, full membership will be \$3500. On Monday, February 6, Judy attended a reception, met Senator Thomas who is in favor of our Bill. On Tuesday, she met with the Resources Committee staffer and learned that Congressman Pombo is supportive of Bleeding Kansas NHA Bill. Senate Bill 175 was amended to include 12 Missouri Counties before it was attached to Bill S203 (package bill that includes approximately eight potential heritage areas) and passed in July. The House Bill needs to read like the Senate Bill and our Representatives staff are working to make that happen. All Congressional delegates remain supportive. Representative Ryun is working to encourage Rep. Pombo to bring our Bill to the House floor. Remember, in contacting Jim Ryun, letters need to be faxed. Phone calls or e-mails will reach staffers. Any attention from us that points out our desire for designation is good. Continue to contact.

Judy is sending an update to Governor Sebelius and brochures and letters to Kansas Representatives and Senators. BKHA Planning Committee members will receive an e-mail copy of Judy's Update before the March meeting.

Kansas Humanities Council: Julie Mulvihill, Director of Programs, Kansas Humanities Council, distributed several helpful handouts on Humanities Grants: "Getting Started: How to Write a KHC Grant"; "Kansas Humanities Council Humanities Grants"; "Kansas Humanities Council Heritage Grants"; and "Questions to Ask Your Organization: Institutional Assessment"

These deal with grant types and compliance; basic research grants, oral history, cataloging, indexing; Care of Collections, photos and textiles; Language preservation. Julie also

discussed “Best Practices,” a series of workshops for volunteers to learn long term care of museum papers and artifacts. Consultants will come and train. Her Institutional Assessment is a valuable self-evaluating tool that can help give organizations focus and establish goals. Julie’s Voice Mail: (785-357-0359) E-mail: Julie@kansashumanities.org

REMINDER: The Mission of Kansas Humanities Council: Exploring History. Exchanging Ideas. Building Community.

Educational Curriculum: Bobbie Athon, Public Information Officer, Kansas State Board of Education, Social Studies, shared suggested guidelines (to be determined by district and building) offered to Kansas teachers as follows:

Local Kansas history - 3rd grade Benchmarks #1 & #2; 4th grade Benchmark 1
Native American history – 7th grade Benchmark #1
Kansas Territorial & Civil War history – 7th grade Benchmark #2
Civil War - 8th grade Benchmark #2

Partner Site Designation: John Nichols, Chairman of the Site Criteria Committee presented a “Freedom’s Frontier Bleeding Kansas Heritage Area” Draft Part I (dated) 2/01/06 2006 Partner Site Designation Application Page 1 covers Partnership Opportunities; Eligible Applicants; and Benefits. Page 2 covers three “Self-selected Partnership levels.” The remaining pages deal with management requirements of participating partners and site criteria. Criteria Committee Members: John Nichols, Debbie White, Tristan Smith, Ron Harris, Emma Crites, and Paul Bahnmaier

John said that the BKHA Steering Committee and the Criteria Committee are concerned with **quality control** and working with **willing partners** whose attractions (and events) are visitor driven, provide interpretation, visitor accessibility, and link the site to at least one BKHA theme. Judy emphasized that **sites** and **events must provide** visitors with a Bleeding Kansas **experience**. Simply **labeling** people, articles, and places **does not tell your story. What is their significance in your story?**

Eileen Robertson asked if those counties, who gave \$500 toward the BK Feasibility Study, can expect to be designated based on contributions. Judy explained that money support has come from a variety of sources. A sites inclusion in the heritage cannot be bought. Involvement and compliance with requests from Criteria Committee, e.g., completed work sheets, adherence to application requirements, and **attendance** at monthly meetings (coming to the table), are indicators of real interest in participation. We cannot wait for designation before deciding to become committed to this project. We need to be willing partners.

TKHA business: Judy reminded attendees, old and new, that TKHA (Territorial Kansas Heritage Alliance) is the 501 (c) 3 organization that acts as the receiver of funds for BKHA. Chris Meinhardt announced that he and Martha Parker will meet with Judy regarding TKHA leaders’ positions before proceeding with nominations of new officers.

TOURS: Judy shared upcoming Border Raiders Bike Ride and reminded attendees of the Solomon Valley Newsletter distributed at the January meeting. Elly McCoy, Chanute, let attendees know that through her weekly travel and tourism radio show, “Southeast Kansas Today,” she has interviewed a number of BKHA Planning Committee members and given

day tours to prospective BKHA sites throughout the eastern border of Kansas. Reminder: See January minutes for reference to an already completed Bleeding Kansas driving trails map and a Civil War driving trails map being prepared by Arnold Schofield, expected publication May 19, 2008. Judy will include subject of Tours on the March Agenda.

Share your accomplishments:

Lecompton's Bleeding Kansas Lectures: Paul Bahnmaier reminded attendees of a lecture series held on Sunday afternoons, 2 pm lectures at Constitution Hall is being offered throughout February and ending on March 5th. This is the 10th year for Bleeding Kansas lectures in Lecompton, Tim Rues Administrator.

Debbie Devine, Kansas State Dept. of Transportation, announced **Frontier Military Hwy** plans 8 interpretive panels and an 8 ft. map.

Elly McCoy has contacted **140 radio stations** requesting that constituents contact representatives to back Bleeding Kansas Bill in the House and bring about designation.

Dennis Enslinger announced that **South Park School in Merriam** has received \$12,000 through Heritage Area Development; project related to Brown v Board.

Chris Meinhardt announced that Jenny Chin, KSHS, has recommended that the **1st Territorial Free State Capitol** building in Topeka be placed on the **National Register**.

Meeting adjourned 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Eileen Robertson, Explorer #1450

REMINDER: Please bring hard copies of February Minutes and March Agenda with you to Atchison March 9, 2006. Thank you.

Future meetings: April 13, 2006	Lecompton
May 11, 2006	Mine Creek
June 8, 2006	Baldwin City
July 13, 2006	Clinton
August 10, 2006	Shawnee County
September 14, 2006	
October 12, 2006	Doniphan County
November 9, 2006	
December 14, 2006	

