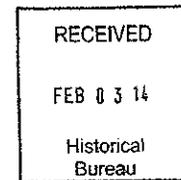


Franklin County Cemetery Commission



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January 28, 2014

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Dear Ms. Bennett:

This letter is the Cemetery Commission's report as required by IC 23-14-67-3.5.

The Franklin County Cemetery Commission was formed in 2001. Five members were appointed by the Franklin County Commissioners, October 15, 2001, according to the provisions of IC 23-14-67-2. The members of the commission for the year 2013 were as follows: R. Edward Baker who serves as vice-president, (term expires 2016), Donald L. Dunaway who serves as president, (term expires 2014), John Estridge (term expires 2017), Patricia Smith (term expired 2013) and Julie Schlesselman (term expires 2015).

The cemetery commission held seven regular meetings in 2013 - March, April, May, June, August, September and October.

A total of 127 Department of Natural Resources survey forms have been completed and submitted to DNR to-date.

As of the end of this year, 2013, 151 cemeteries have been found within Franklin County; 129 of these are considered pioneer cemeteries according to the requirements of IC 23-14-67-1 of Chapter 67, "Care of Cemeteries by Counties." There are 24 rumored or lost cemeteries which have not been found. We know that several of these have been destroyed. We will continue to work on locating more of the small, isolated pioneer cemeteries, make an on-site assessment, complete the survey forms for them and submit them to DNR-DHPA when we gather sufficient information.

Since we first received funding in 2004, a total of 62 cemeteries have been restored in the county by the Cemetery Commission, in addition 14 have been restored by a township trustee and others, e.g. cemetery associations and volunteers.

A budget of \$15,800 was approved by the County Council for funding the Cemetery Commission in CY 2013. The principal part of the budget was used for restoration of the Conwell Cemetery in Laurel Township (287 stones). Sater North in Whitewater Township (3

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stones) was also restored. Fifteen stones at five previously restored cemeteries were repaired. Fencing was replaced at the Little Cedar Public Cemetery, Brookville Township. Forty-five cemeteries were mowed three or more time during the year.

Maintenance at Bethlehem and Harmony in Bath Township were partially funded by a specified Franklin County Community Foundation endowment. The grants from the endowment are administered by the Cemetery Commission. This money from this grant supplemented the cost of mowing paid by the Bath Township trustee.

Jerry Day, Springfield Township Trustee gave \$1000 to the Cemetery Commission for mowing and maintenance in his township. Delbert Spurlock, Laurel Township Trustee donated \$500 for mowing Laurel Township cemeteries.

The commission intends to provide identification signs for all eligible county cemeteries. To-date 83 signs have been purchased by the commission, plus 19 funded by Whitewater Township, but through the commission. As of the end of CY 2013, 97 signs have been erected in Franklin County. A sign for the Reid Cemetery in Metamora was purchased this year.

The Cemetery Commission budget for CY 2014 is \$22,000. We are evaluating five cemeteries for restoration plus completing work at the Conwell Cemetery (Laurel). We plan to mow 45 cemeteries three or more times during the growing season. Several will be mowed more frequently due to their proximity to the road as they are visited more frequently.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Dunaway
President, Franklin County
Cemetery Commission

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