Board members present: Deputy-Director Chris Smith; DNR, Chairman; Jim Corridan; Beth McCord; J. Scott Keller; Dan Kloc; April Sievert, Jason Larrison

Staff members present: DHPA Director Mitch Zoll, Paul Diebold, Ashley Thomas, Chad Slider, Amy Borland, Holly Tate of DHPA

Visitors/Speakers present included: Mary Kennedy, INDOT; Brian Shattuck, INDOT; Mark & Becca Ewing, owners of Mont Clair; Rose Wernicke, consultant; Steve Reiff, resident of Converse; Bethany Emenhiser, City of Bloomington CLG staff; Link Ludington, State Museum and Historic Sites; James Stoughton, Shoals Business Association; Tommy Kleckner, Indiana Landmarks; Lisa Voltz and Janna Lippie (the last two both Luna Language Services Interpreters for the deaf)

Call to Order

Deputy Director Chris Smith convened the meeting at 2:08 P.M. Deputy Director Smith introduced himself and opened the meeting. Smith noted that Richard Butler has been replaced as a board member and voiced thanks for his service. Smith asked new board member Jason Larrison to introduce himself and Jason briefly described his experience in architecture and preservation. The rest of the board and staff introduced themselves.

Division Director's Report:

Mitch Zoll gave the director's report. The 2017 Preserving Historic Places Conference will be held April 26-28 in Wabash, Indiana. Preceding the conference, DHPA will hold a workshop on Section 106 compliance in Wabash on April 25th. Early registration will begin in March and details will be on the DHPA’s web site. The second Indiana Archaeology Symposium was held on at Ball State University on August 27, 2016, and 40 people attended. The Applied Anthropology Lab at BSU was the co-host. Hosts are being sought for the 2017 symposium.

Minutes:
The minutes from the July 20, 2016 board meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made by Dr. April Sievert and seconded by Jim Corridan.

National Register Applications

1. Mont Clair (Ewing Farm), 3890 E. Johnson Farm Road, Vincennes, Knox County (2415)

Paul Diebold gave the staff comment. Dr. Sievert noted the many foundations of farm
buildings and long history of the site, and asked if it was possible to issue an archaeological site number for the farm. She also asked if Criterion D can apply to situations like this. Diebold explained that it might it would possible to officially include additional documentation to the nomination at a later date, if the farm is shown to meet Criterion D. Corridan noted the long association with, and significance of, the Ewing family and this farm. Tommy Kleckner of Indiana Landmarks spoke in favor of the nomination and noted its significance to the state. Corridan made a motion to approve the nomination and Keller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Converse Commercial Historic District**, Four blocks along Jefferson Street between Marion Street and First Street, and one block of East Railroad Street, Converse, Miami County (2427)
Diebold gave the staff comment. A motion to approve was made by Kloc and seconded by Sievert. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Scott-Rumely House**, 211 Rose Street, LaPorte, LaPorte County (2432)
Diebold gave the staff comment. McCord made the motion to approve, Larrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Henry Henley Memorial Library**, 103 N. Main St., Carthage, Rush County (2435)
Diebold gave the staff comment. Sievert introduced a motion to approve, seconded by Corridan. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. **Baugo Township Gymnasium**, on the northeast side of County Road 22, approx. 165’ northwest of County Road 3, Elkhart vicinity, Elkhart County (2436)
Walker presented the staff comment. Larrison made a motion to approve, seconded by Sievert. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Shoals Historic District**, Roughly bounded by the White River to the west, 7th Street to the north, the rear lot line of the properties on the east side of High Street to the east, and 1st Street to the south, Shoals, Martin County (2494)
Diebold presented the staff comment. Diebold also noted that several letters of comment and objection have been received, but that they are not close to the more than 50% required to prevent designation. Corridan asked why owners were objecting to the nomination. Diebold stated that none of the letters mention a reason, but Diebold stated that a special meeting had been held in Shoals just a week ago to answer questions of this nature. Mr. Stoughton, of the Shoals Business Association, asked to speak and stated that he had attended said meeting and believed that most objections were over confusion regarding what DHPA or the state can regulate in historic districts. Corridan made a motion to approve the nomination. Larrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Emergency Action**

*Report by Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites regarding emergency actions at T.C. Steele State Historic Site, Brown County.*
Ludington presented a power point talk about the damage to the entrance archways at T.C. Steele State Historic Site. After 1936, Steele’s widow, Selma, had had a double arched gateway of cut stone built at the entrance to the property. State Museums had formulated plans to repair the gateway, after a snow plow truck had grazed the piers during last winter. A summer storm in August of 2015 split the trunk of a large tree next to the gates, which fell, totally destroying the arches, but leaving the piers standing. JKI Engineering created detailed plans to replicate the stone work, including the original shapes of each voussoir for those units that were shattered during the incident. Some stones were able to be reused. This project was mistakenly reported as an ‘emergency’ and placed on the agenda; it was actually reviewed by DHPA staff in June of 2016 and the restoration plan was granted a Director's Letter of Clearance under 312 IAC 20-4 without objection or appeal. The work is now complete.

Report by Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites regarding emergency actions to repair the Duck Creek Aqueduct at the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site, Franklin County.

Ludington gave the presentation. A recent inspection of the canal aqueduct, in anticipation of a planned extensive restoration, revealed that immediate attention was needed. Chord members that are spliced are joined by metal plates, as the builder intended, but the splices and metal plates are separating due to load stress. Additionally, where the arched truss members bear into stone footings, the outward pressure is cracking the stone. At first, State Museums and Historic Sites planned to spend funds to halt the stress and resulting deterioration by temporary measures, so that the canal could function for Canal Days (October 7-9, 2016). However, after having asked for an agenda item to explain the emergency repairs, Museums staff and engineers soon felt that the funds would be better spent if a more thorough repair were executed during the already-planned restoration. Accordingly, all water was drained from the canal flume to lessen stress on the structure, but no other action has been taken. Ludington presented this item to explain the situation to the board, and he plans to return to the board with an application for a full Certificate of Approval in April, 2017 that will provide a detailed course of action. Corndan asked when work will begin on the structure, Ludington replied that it will be late spring, 2017.

State Certificates of Approval

2. Certificate of Approval application for the demolition of the house at 205 North US 27 in Fountain City, Wayne County (request to rescind application; continued from July).
This item was taken out of order, with Ludington presenting information about this building as the last part of his presentation to the board. Ludington stated that Museums and State Historic Sites now wishes to retain the original portion of the house. Ludington of State Museums presented a PowerPoint talk about the property, known as the Hubbard House. Not only does Museums not wish to demolish the property, but they wish to append a request to remove non-historic additions to the stated request to rescind the demolition proposal. Ludington presented images showing the rear shed-roofed addition and detail views showing older, rock-faced concrete block foundations under the older part of the house and late 20th century, smooth concrete block under the rear section. The interior has very few historic elements left in place, including an upper floor doorway. State Museums is proposing to retain only the front-gabled portion of the house. Work would not proceed until after the dedication of the new Visitor's Center in December of 2016. Specifically,
Ludington asked the board’s permission to remove additions, and secure the building as-is, with vinyl siding on the exterior. Corridan asked Ludington if it was not inherent upon State Museum and Historic Sites to restore the exterior of the house after removing the additions, since that is consistent with their mission. Ludington replied that there is no way of knowing what historic materials remain under the vinyl siding. Corridan made a motion to grant a certificate of approval to State Museum and Historic Sites to demolish the non-historic portions of the house, and to restore the original portion of the house to make it as accurate as possible. Slider and Diebold asked Corridan what type of restoration work his motion would authorize. Corridan amended his motion to read: I move to grant a certificate of approval to State Museum and Historic Sites to demolish the non-historic portions of the house, and to restore the original portion of the house to make it as accurate as possible, subject to plans and documentation that State Museum and Historic Sites will provide for approval to DHPA staff. After discussion, Corridan amended his motion to include only exterior restoration. Larrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. Continuance of Certificate of Approval application for the demolition of Simpson Hall, located on the campus of the Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis, Washington Township, Marion County (Continued from January for purposes of providing additional documentation).

This item was taken out of order, following Ludington's presentations. Chairman Smith noted that IDOA has received a report about the building from engineers hired by Indiana Landmarks, and IDOA has requested that this item be tabled until the January 2017 meeting of the board.

3. Certificate of Approval application for the demolition of the main garage building at the old Waterloo INDOT Subdistrict Facility at 200 East Maple Street in Waterloo, DeKalb County.

Thomas presented the staff comment. The board had granted a certificate of approval October 21, 2015, subject to efforts to remarket the main garage building, after removal of the frame support buildings on the property. Corridan asked the chair permission to question INDOT staff on several related matters. Corridan asked INDOT representatives if removal of contaminated soil is underway. Mary Kennedy of INDOT replied that is was underway. Mary Kennedy also replied that IDEM had asked for additional studies of the land since it is believed that contamination has affected surrounding soil. She also offered that several auto clubs had been contacted about using the garage, but, none were willing to commit due to the soil contamination. Corridan asked who was responsible for cleaning the contamination. INDOT staff replied that the long term lessee, the local school corporation, was. Corridan next asked about the two letters of comment from the community regarding lawn maintenance at the site. Noting that that he is required to tend his own lawn, Corridan asked why is the lawn not being maintained? INDOT staff replied that they will be tending the site better in the future. INDOT staff commented that it will take up to five years to clean the site and demolish the building. Corridan asked INDOT staff if the building could be sold before that time. INDOT staff replied that it could, so long as they are assured that the site is not contaminated at time of transfer. Ultimately, the school corporation who used
the garage is responsible. Kloc made a motion to grant the certificate of approval for INDOT to demolish the garage, subject to terms outlined in the staff comment. Larrison seconded the motion. Chairman Smith put the motion to a vote and all present but Corridan voted aye, Corridan voted nay, the motion carried. Following the motion, Corridan asked INDOT staff if they have a list of historic buildings they own, and whether there is a list of those that would be decommissioned. Mary Kennedy replied that a list of INDOT garage buildings with detailed evaluation has been presented to the board and DHPA staff. Regarding bridges, there is the statewide Mead & Hunt bridge inventory. Corridan asked Jason Larrison if he knew of a master list of state-owned buildings, since Larrison recently served in the State Architect’s office. He replied that he was aware that one is underway, and Smith reported that DNR is nearly done creating a master list of their properties. He referred the board to Matt Kent of IDOA for further questions regarding the list.

Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

**Listed**

BOONE COUNTY,
Lebanon Courthouse Square Historic District, Roughly bounded by North, East, South, Superior & West Sts., Lebanon, 16000610, LISTED, 9/12/16

FOUNTAIN COUNTY,
McDonald, James and Lucinda, House, 500 E. Jackson St., Attica, 16000611, LISTED, 9/12/16

HENDRICKS COUNTY,
Blanton, Forest W. and Jeannette Wales, House, 625 N. Washington St., Danville, 16000612, LISTED, 9/12/16

VIGO COUNTY,
New Goshen District No. 2 School, 9620 Rangeline Place, New Goshen, 16000613, LISTED, 9/12/16 (Indiana’s Public Common and High Schools MPS)

**Rejected**
None

**Removed**

JACKSON COUNTY,
Bell Ford Post Patented Diagonal “Combination Bridge”, IN 258 1.5 mi. W of IN 258 and Community Dr., Seymour, 05000194, REMOVED, 9/12/16 (Collapse/Storm Damage/Moved)

VI. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: January 18, 2017, Indiana Government Center, Conference Room C, 2:00 p.m.
Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications: December 9, 2016, 4:45 p.m.

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:35 P.M.