Board members present: Robert E. Carter, Jr., Chairman; Vice Chairman John Newman, William Selm, Don Cochran, Harry Murphy, Kent Schuette, Julie Donnell and Richard Butler.

Staff members present: DHPA Director Dr. James Glass, Paul Diebold, Frank Hurdis, Amy Walker, Miriam Widenhofer, Ashley Thomas, Adrienne Schmetzer, David Duval, Shawn Niemi, and Ryan Berger of DHPA and Susan Judy, DNR Admin Pool

Visitors/Speakers present included: Danielle Chrysler, Lt. Governor’s office and Governor’s Liaison to Indiana Veteran’s home; Tommy Kleckner, Mark Dollase of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana; Keith Lytton, Steuben County Engineer; Josh Smith, Butler, Fairman, Seufert Consultants; Angie Quinn, ARCH; Laura Thayer, consultant; John Warner, consultant; Jennifer Holscher, owner of Simonson House; A. J. Ariens, DNR Forestry Division; Joe Soughers, DNR Engineering Division; Beth McCord, Ball State University; Kristi Hamilton, Butler, Fairman, Seufert Consultants

Call to Order
Chairman Robert E. Carter Jr. convened the meeting at 1:32 pm., in the Indiana Government Conference Center, Conference Room A.

The minutes from the July 29, 2009 board meeting were approved without revision. The motion to approve was made by John Newman and seconded by William Selm.

Chairman Carter called for the Division Director's Report from Dr. James Glass, Division of Historic Preservation.

Division Director's Report:

I. Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission
The Courthouse Preservation Advisory Commission has adopted a three year strategic plan for carrying out the mandates given it by the General Assembly, and Commission members are going to concentrate in the current state fiscal year and next on speaking to as many statewide meetings of county officials as possible to publicize the importance of historic courthouses and the services the Commission can offer counties in making decisions on preserving their courthouses. The professional architect and engineer members, together with Dave Duvall of DHPA staff, are responding to requests for technical assistance from counties who have questions about how to deal with rehabilitation issues. In 2010 and 2011, the Commission will prepare a report for the General Assembly on the needs for preservation of historic courthouses, based on a survey of county officials and its own observations. Our division is staffing the meetings of the Commission, in cooperation with Historic Landmarks Foundation.

II. Archaeology Month 2009
We had another successful Archaeology Month in September, coordinated by Amy Johnson, DHPA Senior Archaeologist and Outreach Coordinator. Five staff archaeologists spoke or presented at 12 events during the month, ranging from talks about prehistoric cultures in Indiana, archaeological artifact identifications, and excavations. Other archaeologists around the state also held events, for a total of 27 single day and 7 multi-day educational events. There was also one month-long educational event. “Ancient Artistry” posters were distributed widely, and T-shirts were sold at all the events attend by our staff.
T-shirts were given to the Review Board members at the meeting.

III. Preserving Historic Places Conference
If you have attended a Cornelius O’Brien Historic Preservation Conference in the past, you should have received in the mail a “Save the Date” card in the past week or so, asking you to save the dates of April 7-9, 2010 for the new statewide preservation conference with a new time of year and a new name: Preserving Historic Places: Indiana’s Statewide Preservation Conference. It will be in beautiful historic New Harmony, and we have special keynote speakers, workshops and educational sessions on a variety of cutting edge topics, and tours of historic features and archaeological sites in New Harmony and Evansville planned. A registration flyer with a preview of the conference will be mailed in January. We are working with the other two statewide sponsors—Indiana University and Historic Landmarks Foundation and with our principal local partners, Historic New Harmony and Historic Southern Indiana, on a quality experience.

National Register Applications
1. Trippet-Glaze-Duncan-Kolb Farm, SR 65, Patoka vicinity, Gibson County, Indiana
Paul Diebold, DHPA, gave the staff comments. A motion to approve was made by Julie Donnell and seconded by Richard Butler. The motion passed.

2. Alfred Simonson House, 207 E. Shipping Street, Edwardsport, Knox County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

3. Chesterton Residential Historic District, roughly including 303-203 W. Indiana, 215-135 S. Second St., 202-210 W. Morgan St., and 201 W. Lincoln Ave., Chesterton, Porter Co., Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve was made by John Newman and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

4. Charles Dugan House, 420 West Monroe Street, Decatur, Adams County, Indiana
Frank Hurdis gave the staff comments. William Selm made a comment about the wording in the report. Hurdis accepted Selm’s notes and indicated that he would review his suggestions. A motion to approve was made by William Selm and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.

5. Lime Lake – Lake Gage Channel and Bridge, North Lake Gage Road, Angola vicinity, Steuben County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. Diebold noted the objection from the Steuben County Highway Department. Keith Lytton, of the Steuben County Highway Engineers presented the reasons for the objections. The reasons included the difficulty in repairing the bridge, maintenance and upkeep do to hidden aging beams, the low water level in the channel, and concerns about
access by the public and land owners. Safety issues were another concern - the dangerously low water level and the low bridge clearance resulted in death of a “wave runner” rider. Richard Butler asked if the county has placed signage to prevent use of the waterway. No signage had been posted since it was believed that DNR owned the bridge. Lytton thought DNR would handle the signage. Chairman Carter said he would make a site visit to report to the board before going ahead with the application. A motion to table the application was made by John Newman and seconded by Richard Butler. The motion passed.

6. Southwood Park Historic District, roughly bounded by West Pettit Ave., Stratford Road, West Sherwood Terrace, Hartman Rd., Lexington Ave., Indiana Ave., West Rudisill Blvd., and Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. Harry Murphy commented on the size of the district and asked how it compared with others on the Register and how it compares to Indian Village (#14)? Paul Diebold replied that it is one of the largest residential districts in the state but is not as far out as Indian Village. A motion to approve was made by Richard Butler and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.

7. William and Helen Koerting House, 2625 Greenleaf Blvd., Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. Julie Donnell commented that she appreciated and liked the context/discussion. A motion to approve was made by Richard Butler and seconded by Harry Murphy. The motion passed.

8. Middletown Bridge, CR 450S over Conn’s Creek, Middletown vicinity, Shelby County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. William Selm made several comments about the wordage and using imprecise phrases in the application. John Newman thought the nomination was well researched and should be a model for future applications. A motion to approve was made by John Newman and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

9. Straber Ford Bridge, CR 500 N over Otter Creek, Osgood vicinity, Ripley County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. William Selm questioned the inconsistency and the bibliography form. He also commented that Osgood is a town not a city in Ripley County as stated on Page 9, Section 8, also about the oldest town in Ripley County-- Osgood or Versailles? A motion to approve was made by Richard Butler and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

10. Champs Ford Bridge, CR 100 S over Clifty Creek, 2 miles west of Burney, Burney vicinity, Decatur County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. William Selm commented about the wording used and inconsistency of terminology. A motion to approve was made by John Newman and seconded by Richard Butler. The motion passed.

11. Lora Pearson School, 115 W. Colescott Street, Shelbyville, Shelby County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. William Selm commented about the use of abbreviations. He believes words should be spelled out and also asked that more information about the Bohlen firm be included. A motion to approve was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by Julie Donnell. The motion passed.
12. Collier Lodge Site (12Pr36), Kouts vicinity, Porter County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve was made by Harry Murphy and seconded by Richard Butler. The motion passed.

Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. A motion to approve was made by Donald Cochran and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

14. Indian Village Historic District, roughly bounded by Nutman Avenue north; Bluffton Road east; Engle Road south, and Norfolk Southern right-of-way west; Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana
Paul Diebold gave the staff comments. The Fort Wayne CLG forwarded the application. John Newman asked about the fact that the property is less than 50 years old and would that be a problem? The answer was that by the time that all reviews are completed it will be 50 years old. A motion to approve was made by John Newman and seconded by William Selm. The motion passed.

State Certificates of Approval
1. Application by Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs for demolition of the Adjunct’s residence and Men’s Hall, at Indiana State Soldier’s Home, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana
Danielle Chrysler, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Lt. Governor’s office, and Governor’s liaison to the Indiana Veteran’s Home presented a well documented (handed out report binders) and thorough report about the Indiana Veteran’s Home upkeep and care. She indicated that the Veteran’s Home would not be requesting that the Board act on the application at this meeting. Ms. Chrysler briefed the Board on the challenges faced by the Veterans Home in terms of upgrading all facilities and addressing safety and minimum maintenance requirements of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She said that a Historic Preservation Task Force has been established at the home to advise the Indiana Veterans Home on how to approach preservation issues. There are also historical records to be preserved and the Lawrie Portrait Collection. John Newman inquired about whether the State Archives had been involved. Kent Schuette asked who owns the property. The Department of Veteran’s Affairs owns the property and operates the facility. Tommy Kleckner of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, a member of the task force, spoke and said that he was concerned about the demolition of the buildings and thought there should be more study of reuse options. He stated the Historic Landmarks was willing to fund a more detailed study of alternatives options for the buildings. Kent Schuette noted that the Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation had been involved in preservation of the three buildings on the Commandant's Circle in the early 1970s and he would like to see an effort made to re-use those structures. No action was taken and a motion to table the approval was made by Julie Donnell and seconded by Kent Schuette. The motion passed.

2. Application by Indiana DNR, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs regarding the rehabilitation of the fire tower, McCormick’s Creek State Park, Owen County, Indiana
This application had been handled using the temporary rule clearance letter so no action by the board was needed.

Emergency Actions Using State Funds/Emergency Repair Reports
1. Report by Indiana DNR, Division of Engineering concerning repairs to the Laurel Feeder Dam, Whitewater State Park, Laurel, Franklin County, Indiana
Josh Smith, Butler, Fairman, Seufert, Consultants, clarified that the work was actually done on March 31, 2009. The report was for information purposes only.

2. Report by Indiana DNR, Division of Forestry, concerning demolition of the Sorrell House at Martin State Forest, Martin County, Indiana.

A J Ariens, Forestry Division, DNR reported the discovery of an historic log cabin after the start of demolition on the outer building encasing it. At the point of discovery, the cabin was so structurally compromised it could not be salvaged and was demolished.

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

1. Dixie (stern wheel paddleboat), North Webster Park, 400 block of S. Dixie Dr., North Webster, Kosciusko County (1911)

2. Bridge Street Bridge carries Bridge Street over the St. Joseph River, Elkhart, Elkhart County (1928)


4. Thompson-Ray House, 407 E. Main Street, Gas City, Grant County (2108)

5. Howard School, 4555 East County Road 750 South, Brownsburg, Boone County (2123)

6. Pinhook Methodist Church and Cemetery, 8001 State Road 2, LaPorte vicinity, LaPorte County (2125)

7. Morningside Historic District, roughly bounded by east side of Washington, west side of Jefferson, 47th, and 48th Streets, Gary, Lake County (2126)

8. Orleans Historic District, roughly bound by Wilson Street on the north, Franklin Street on the east, Harrison Street on the south and Fourth Street on the west, Orleans, Orange County (2137)

9. Ripley County Courthouse, 115 N. Main Street, Versailles, Ripley County (2141).

Set date for the next meeting

Dr. Glass noted that he had polled the board members at the previous meeting for their acceptance of the date for next meeting and who will be attending the meeting.

The recommended procedure:

- Distribute schedule of meetings to board members and by email to those not present and ask them to check schedules and place board meetings on dates indicated.
- Send list of dates again to board members in January of each year, as a reminder.
- Ask at the end of each meeting for confirmation of board members’ attendance at the next meeting.
- Ask members when board packets are placed on-line 3 weeks before each meeting to let staff know if there is any conflict in attendance, so we can take steps to ensure a quorum.
The proposed date of January 27, 2010, IGCS, Conference Room A, 1:30 p.m. (EST) was approved by the board members.

**Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Meeting Dates for 2010**

Mark your calendars reminder for meeting dates.
All dates are Wednesdays.

- January 27, 2010
- April 28, 2010
- July 28, 2010 (may be in Whiting, Indiana)
- October 27, 2010

All are in Conference room “A”, unless otherwise noted above
All are reserved for a starting time of 1:30 PM to 4:45 PM.

**Deadline for receipt of Certificate of Approval applications:**
Friday, December 18, 2009, 4:45 p.m. (EDT)

Chairman Carter announced that this was Don Cochran’s last meeting and presented him with a plaque for his service to the Review Board since 1997. He was thanked for his work and it was noted that he will be hard to replace on the Review Board.

Chairman Carter asked for a motion to adjourn. John Newman made the motion, William Selm seconded, motion approved.
The meeting was adjourned 2:46 p.m. (EDT)