

2012 Report Indiana Historical Bureau

County: HENRY

Do you have a County Cemetery Commission? Yes

Is your Cemetery Board Active? Yes

When was your County Cemetery Commission formed? September 19, 2001

First official meeting - January 2002

Is your County Cemetery Commission funded? No - Donations only

Please provide names and contact information of your County Cemetery Commission

Donna Tauber
Ann Holmes
Tom Hamm
Mike Burch
U.E. (Bud) Bush

New Castle IN 47362 Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, January 26, 2012

Commission Members Present: U.E. Bush, D. Tauber, A. Holmes, M. Burch, T. Hamm

Present from the Public: Ken Holmes, Marianne Hughes, Bob & Karen Good

1. The commission reelected its currently serving officers for the year 2012:

Present: Donna Tauber

Vice President: Mike Burch

Treasurer: Ann Holmes

Secretary: Tom Hamm

2. The president reported on the presentation of awards in December 2011. Melinda Grounds of Jefferson Township was named the Township Trustee of the Year. It was agreed that when we present awards to Boy Scouts or other students that we would pay for their meals.

3. The commission approved a claim of \$16.60 to Donna Tauber for money paid to Action Trophy.

4. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,942.96.

5. It was reported that the Henry County Community Foundation is open to grant applications to be used to repair very large markers. Sites and costs will have to be specified.

6. Robert and Karen Good of the Delaware County Pioneer Cemetery Preservation Committee turned over the marker of Jane (Hodson) Jeffrey, which had been stolen from the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township and was found in Muncie.

7. Possible work sites for the coming year were discussed, as were public relations possibilities.

8. Signs have been arranged for the Fatic and Hillsboro Cemeteries.

9. The commission adjourned to meet again on February 23 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Tauber, president

T. Hamm, secretary

Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, Feb. 23, 2012

Commission Members Present: T. Hamm, A. Holmes, D. Tauber

Present from the Public: K. Holmes

1. The minutes of the meeting of Jan. 26, 2012, were approved as previously distributed.
 2. Information about the responsibility of Tuskegee University for the Trail Grove Cemetery in Greensboro Township is being pursued.
 3. A photograph of the crumbling marker for John H. Stonebraker in Blountsville Cemetery was viewed. He was the last surviving veteran of the War of 1812 in Henry County. There is interest in restoring the marker.
 4. The treasurer's report showed no change since last month.
 5. Possible summer projects include the Paul Cemetery and the Holland Cemetery in Dudley Township; the Kessinger Cemetery in Blue River Township; and the Pressel Cemetery in Liberty Township.
 6. The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 22.
- Respectfully submitted,

D. Tauber, President

T. Hamm, Secretary

Henry County Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2012

Commission Members Present: T. Hamm, A. Holmes, D. Tauber

Present from the Public: K. Holmes

1. The minutes of the meeting of February 22 were approved.
2. The treasurer reported no actions in the past month and a balance of \$2,992.96.
3. Ken Holmes reported that the trailer was in good condition and supplies are ample.
4. The John Stonebraker marker in Blountsville Cemetery is made of concrete and repair is impossible. An attempt is being made to obtain a VA marker.
5. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is conducting a cemetery commission workshop on April 28. The president plans to attend.
6. The Jane Hodson Jeffrey marker will be returned to the Hodson Cemetery in Stony Creek Township.
7. Further investigation is being made of the ownership of the Trail Grove Cemetery in Greensboro Township.
8. Possible work sites in the coming months include:
 - Pressel Cemetery—Liberty Township
 - Hodson Cemetery—Stony Creek Township
 - Blountsville Cemetery—Stony Creek Township

Respectfully submitted,

D. Tauber, President

T. Hamm, Secretary

Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, May 24, 2012

Commission Members Present: D. Tauber, T. Hamm, M. Burch, U.E. Bush

1. No quorum being present in April, the minutes of the March 23 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

2. It was reported that Ken Holmes had replaced the Jane Hodgson Jeffrey marker in the Hodson Cemetery.
3. Donna Tauber had attended the recent DNR cemetery workshop. Henry County leads the state in cemetery heritage signs. Even though we are unfunded by the county, we are in advance of most counties.
4. HB 1034, as passed by the legislature, changes the cutoff founding date for a “pioneer cemetery” from 1850 to 1875.
5. Documents about the ownership of the Trail Cemetery are in the hands of Martin Shields.
6. Participants in the Spiceland Day of Caring worked in the Friends Cemetery. A heritage sign is being sought.
7. Possible summer projects include the Paul, Holland, Kessinger, and Pressel cemeteries.
8. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 28, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Tauber, President

T. Hamm, Secretary

Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, June 28, 2012

Commission Members Present: Hamm, Holmes, and Tauber

Present from the Public: Ken Holmes

1. The minutes of the meeting of May 24 were approved as distributed.
2. The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,983.27.
3. The president indicated that she would request a \$5,000 appropriation from the county commissioners for the coming fiscal year.
4. The president reported that some county cemetery commissions are taking ownership of abandoned cemeteries. Commission members present indicated that all of the implications, legal and otherwise, would need to be explored before this commission took such a step.

5. Two large stones repaired last year in the Fatic Cemetery are broken again.
6. Possible Day of Caring projects include the Kessinger and Lewisville Cemeteries.
7. Other projects will be determined by weather conditions.

Donna Tauber, President

Thomas Hamm, Secretary

NO JULY MEETING

HENRY COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 23, 2012

At our August 23rd, 2012 meeting we had in attendance Donna Tauber, Mike Burch and Ann Homes. Present from the Advisory Board was Ken Holmes. Being no meeting in July, minutes of June 28th were approved.

Treasurer Ann reported a balance of \$2983.27

President Tauber reported she had no luck with approaching the County Commissioners for funding at this time, due to their other many budget cuts.

The Day of Caring was discussed at much length and decided at this time we will not be doing a project this year. The Holmes's are scheduled to be out of town that week, and we just don't have the manpower to oversee a project. Also a concern is mosquitoes! There will be a project at Hillsboro Cemetery with Gene Clark overseeing it. This will consist of tree and limb removal from recent storms. I did talk to Gene this week and he would like for us to assist him with restoring resetting several stones. There is a possibility that we may use some of our funding to accomplish this with Brad, Helen or Walt (or who we decide to use) as discussed at the July meeting. I also am expecting a donation from a lady in North Carolina (her name is Mrs. Ray) for Hillsboro for research I helped her with - unsure if it will \$5 or \$500! Also we need to restore the obelisk at Batson on a large stone.

Our next meeting is scheduled Sept 23 at 6 pm - Henry County Historical Society - hope is everyone is doing well and can make it!

Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, Sept. 27, 2012

Commission Members Present: D. Tauber, M. Burch, T. Hamm

1. The minutes of the meeting of August 23 were approved as previously distributed.
2. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,983.27.
3. Possible projects of interest include replacing the globe on the Stout marker at Batson Cemetery and removing trees and limbs at Hillsboro Cemetery.
4. The commission approved spending up to \$1,000 for restoring markers in the two cemeteries mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Tauber, President

Henry County Cemetery Commission Minutes, Oct. 25, 2012

Present: Mike Burch, Tom Hamm, and Donna Tauber

1. The minutes of the meeting of September 27 were approved as previously distributed.
2. Work at Hillsboro Cemetery was discussed.
3. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,257.27. Donations in memory of Bud Bush had been received. The president will send a thank you to the Bush family.
4. Possible replacements for Bud as a member of the commission were discussed.
5. Bud's son Aaron Bush will continue to maintain Bud's web sites.
6. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Tauber, President

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No meetings scheduled for November or December due to holidays

