



Indiana Bicentennial Commission
Board Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2015

Commission Members Present:

Randall Shepard
Jim Merritt
James Madison
Becky Skillman
Lee Hamilton
Ellen Rosenthal-via telephone
Steve Ferguson-via telephone
Sarah Evans Barker-via telephone
Charlie Brown-via telephone
Tony George-via telephone

Staff:

Perry Hammock
Rene' Stanley
Valeri Beamer
Sam Alderfer

Audience:

Noelle Szydlyk-Indiana Office of Tourism Development
Mark Newman-Indiana Office of Tourism Development
Mark Becker-Department of Natural Resources
Meredith Bullock-Assistant to the First Lady
Benjamin Clark-Department of Natural Resources
Marla Jones-Lawrence County Coordinator
Haley-Green County Coordinator assistant-via telephone

- Co-chair Becky Skillman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Perry Hammock called role. Co-chair Skillman thanked those who were able to join the meeting and moved to the agenda.

Welcome & Introductions

- Captain JT Elder, Commanding Officer NSWC Crane Division, welcomed the Commission and provided an overview of the base.

Health and Wellbeing of Children Initiative and Resolution Update

- Co-chair Lee Hamilton read over and summarized the resolution to the commission.
Jim Madison is in favor of keeping the focus on children.
Tony George supports the Resolution and the focus on children saying, "We all have in common that we were children once".



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Judge Barker has spoken to Shari Bossing at Lilly and they are in favor. Judge Barker does not want a fifth pillar.

Ellen Rosenthal asked why we can't have support for children and support for Indiana as a whole state of wellbeing.

Co-chair Skillman and Co-chair Hamilton agreed that no decision will be made now but that there will be a vote after it has been taken to the Governor's Office again.

Green County Projects

- Green county update by Haley, assistant to Brianne Jerrels, Greene County Coordinator.
They are working on a children's art and storytelling project.
Also working on a sculpture project where children will get to scratch and carve into stone.

Lawrence County Projects

- Lawrence county update by Marla Jones, Lawrence County Coordinator.
Lawrence County's Bicentennial is in 2018. They are preparing for that.
There is a lot of enthusiasm in this county; they have been working on multiple projects in each of IBC's pillars.

Committee Reports

- Book Committee report given by James Madison.
There has been lots of participation and enthusiasm about the book.
Essay contest deadline May 1.
M.T. Publishing Company of Evansville is publishing the book.
Lisa Hendrickson will be the project director of the Bicentennial Book.
- Endorsement Committee report given by Ellen Rosenthal via telephone.
47 applications were received from 20 counties and 7 statewide.
46 were brought for Commission review.
5 first time applicant counties include: Posey, Morgan, Clinton, White, and Starke.
By pillar there were 13 youth and education, 15 community involvement, 18 historical celebration and 0 nature conservation applications.
Co-chair Skillman made a motion to approve the Committee's recommendation to endorse all 46 applications. Jim Madison second. Co-chair Hamilton called the vote. The motion carried with no dissent.
- Bicentennial Nature Trust report given by Mark Becker with DNR.
128 projects approved in 56 counties.
33% are land trusts.



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- Bicentennial Torch Relay report given by Noelle Szydlyk and Mark Newman of IOTD.
There were questions about security while traveling and if the State is able to veto a torch bearer nomination.
Torch bearer nomination forms will be available May 1 online.

- Bicentennial Plaza. Will receive update after budget is finalized by legislation.

Executive Director's Report

- IBC report given by Perry Hammock.
329 total projects in 77 out of 92 counties. 34 counties have both a Legacy Project and Bicentennial Nature Trust project.
County coordination is on target and progress is ongoing.
New Communications Coordinator, Valeri Beamer started in March.
Sam Alderfer now full-time Social Media Coordinator.
The focus of the next round of county visits will be on counties without Bicentennial Legacy Projects and State Agencies.
IBC Instagram has 2148 followers
In two months, IBC Twitter page had 46.9 thousand impressions
IBC Facebook page reaches 90,934 users.
Newsletter is being updated and adding new subscribers almost daily.

- With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

The next meeting of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission:

June 19, 2015.

Indiana State Library Author's Room.

9:30am-11:30pm