



Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission

420 South Raleigh St, Martinsburg, WV 25401

June 27, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 4:00 pm

Roll Call: Susan Crowell, Eddie Gochenour, David Michaels, CEM Martin,

Phone: Chris Cox

Public: Sherry Smith, Janelle Sperry,

Reports:

- Secretary report: David Michaels motioned to approve and accept the Secretary report seconded by CEM Martin followed by unanimous vote of “aye.”
- Finance/treasurer report: David Michaels provided treasurer report and report that Summit Bank checking account currently has \$746.10: Chris Cox motioned to approve to accept the Finance report seconded by CEM Martin followed by unanimous vote of “aye.” David Michaels also reported that he spoke with the bank about setting up a link for donations that could possibly be included on the BCHLC website. The bank informed David that there would be a set-up fee and then a monthly service fee.
- Chair report – Chair reported that a written request for funds will be email to Tracie McCormick, Procurement Coordinator for the Berkeley County Council. The Chair also reported research request including a recent request for the Hammonds Mill Property.

Old Business

- Boydville – The BCHLC via email approved for the encapsulation of the wall paper a Boydville. For the minutes, Cem Martin made motion to approve and accept that this be included into the minutes for record, Eddie Gochenour second the motion followed by unanimous vote of “aye.”
- Bunker Hill Mill Section 106 review – The commission held discussion on Giles Mill Road realignment. The commission as asked that the Chair send an email requesting a site visit but also discussed possible alternative routes then the one proposed by WVDOH. Cem Martin made motion to send a letter of support for an improved road way but with altered routes due to the impactions to the historic structures, David Michaels second the motion followed by unanimous vote of “aye.”
- Morgan Cabin – MOU discussed and spoke of change made by Cem Martin and Sherry Smith. Sherry Smith advised that she would take the agreed MOU to the next Historic



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Morgan Cabin Association meeting scheduled for September 13, 2022 with hopes of it being signed.

New Business:

- David Michaels and the Historic Morgan Cabin Association Sherry Smith and Janelle Sperry reported about a possible discovery of a former church cemetery. BCHLC received an email dated August 15, 2022 had an attached document dated August 14, 20022 stating “researchers” Matthew “Maasaw” Howard, Rose Carter, John Thorton Hilleary were performing a visual survey on the Morgan Cabin Property were they found what is believed to be human bones. The chair reported to the commission that the chair had reached out to the SHPO officials for guidance. The SHPH office had advised the chair of state code and laws around cemeteries and burials grounds. The chair asked for the official police report of the findings. The Historic Morgan Cabin Association informed BCHLC that Matt Howard was going to have cadaver dogs out to the Morgan Cabin property.

Adjourn: 4:45 pm

Next Meeting September 26, 2022