



## **Culture and Heritage Committee Minutes May 21, 2024**

### Meeting Attendance:

John Anfinson, MN

Par Audrisch, AR

Scott Williams, TN

Cliff Jones, AR

Mark Kross, MO

Chris Miller, MN

James Lundgren, MO

Susanne Thiede-Barnet, National Office

John mentioned the Interpretive Center (IC) confirmation set up by the National Office and referenced in the Q2 newsletter. Susanne indicated that an intern from the national office is calling each IC to remind them to complete the confirmation.

We are looking at the “preservation” focus as we look ahead for this committee. The Annual Fall Meeting will have an IC focus on Friday morning, likely a panel discussion. Here’s what we need from you to stay engaged – from an IC perspective.

There was discussion about organizing an annual Zoom meeting with ICs, something like virtual training.

The Interpretive Plan with 11 themes was developed a long time ago. Perhaps, we will look to streamline the interpretive themes.

WI-MRPC developed a film highlighting their ICs. Should we look at collecting video footage from ICs? What would we do with it? How would we fund work on it? Could we have a film festival with video from as many ICs that are available and then have a talk about it afterwards?

Atchafalaya.org – This is a 7.5 minute video with a strong sense of place.

Pat and Cliff referenced a Delta history book that focuses on Arkansas by Willard Gateway

What new direction do we want to go with this committee?

We will look to review any upcoming IC applications. It is unknown if the Cold War Museum in AR or the Wildlife Museum in MS will be resubmitting their applications.

The meeting adjourned upon completion of the agenda items at 11:00am.