

SECRETARY MINUTES
CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Meeting of February 14- From 6:30 t- 8:00 p.m.
Calhoun County Library
200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca
Call to Order at 6:30 pm

1. Prayer lead by Howard Hartzog
2. Pledge to the U. S. Flag by all
3. Pledge to the Texas Flag by all
4. Consider and approve Minutes of Jan 2012 Meeting: Minutes approved as presented, see written report on the website at <http://calhouncountyhc.org/index.html>
5. Consider and approve Treasurers Report and take any required action in acct 621: Chairman, Phil Ellenberger, gave a report on behalf of Phil Thomae who was not present. See written report posted on the website, which was approved as submitted
6. Standing committee reports
 - a. Flags: See Phil Thomae's written report. He is waiting on the City to determine if the City will assume the HMRL flag program.
 - b. Cemeteries & Marker Museum- Any required action on Markers and plaques:
 - i. DRT District 7 has spent \$16,000 to establish an Indianola Trail and will place a DRT Medallion, date & place to be determined.
 - ii. Jones Family Monuments has failed to respond to a request for a bid for 2012 markers/plaque program. However, Mary Belle Meitzen did receive a bid of \$1,100 from Pesek-Hermes Memorial. A Motion made by Mary Belle Meitzen to accept the Pesek-Hermes bid, was 2nd by Kate Williams, Motion passed. We currently have 4 markers approved, waiting for the State to complete wording.
 - c. Museum report: George Ann Cormier was not present. Kate Williams read a report about the Sunlight Girls Club.
 - d. CalhounCountyhc.org web report: Gary Ralston stated that all committee reports are now posted on the website and all is running well.
7. Discuss and take appropriate action on Camel statue proposal:
 - a. Gary Ralston presented drawings and bid by Brian Norwood for artwork made from A588 steel plate to commemorate the arrival of Camels at Indianola. Gary made a motion to proceed with the purchase from Brian Norwood in the amount of \$1,284.75, 2nd by Howard Hartzog, Peggy Dobbins objection to a possible location site as the LaSalle Monument. Howard Hartzog amended the Motion to strike the LaSalle location. Motion passed. Joe Williams opposed because of location deletion of LaSalle Monument request by Peggy Dobbins.
 - b. Phil Ellenberger appointed Gary Ralston as Chairman of the Camel Committee which is to complete the project: location and completion of site supports.
8. Discussion and appropriate action on Victoria Nuclear Plant: Gary Ralston reports he did not see any thing to affect Calhoun County, unless the plans change. Nelson Marek reports he did not discover any affect on archeological sites.
9. Discussion and take appropriate action for Main Street Event in 2012 Priorities. Peggy Dobbins and Rose Pena reported Main Street Event plans to hold an annual event for 2013. They are planning a Parade of Ancestors. Peggy Dobbins made a Motion that the Historical Commission will ask George Anne Cormier/Museum to hold a table with Historical books, etc. offered for sale, and have Staff available to represent the Historical Commission available. 2nd by Howard Hartzog, opposed by Mary Belle Meitzen and Kate Williams. Motion Passed.
10. Report on status of 2011 activity report: Report is in progress, but will be presented to Commission Court on February 23, 2012
11. Public discussion of Historical Commission Matters: Due to lack of time this item was omitted
12. The next meeting will be April 10, 2012. There will be no March, 2012 meeting
13. Adjourn at 8:00 PM

Kate Williams

Kate Williams,
Secretary