

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Special Meeting of November 23, 2013
Dedication and Unveiling of Official Texas Historical Marker: Ed Bell
1:00-4:00 p.m. at Bauer Exhibit Building and Indianola Fishing Center
186 CR 101, Port Lavaca, and 8 Bell Road, Indianola, Texas

Minutes of the Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair, and Mistress of Ceremonies.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Avril Sassman.

Presentation of Colors and Pledges:

John Kassner, Sergeant-at-Arms/Parliamentarian, and John Foester presented the colors and led attendees in the pledges to the Texas and United States flags.

Welcome and Guest Introduction:

Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair, CCHC, welcomed guests and CCHC members to the event. Jack Whitlow, Mayor, delivered remarks on behalf of the City of Port Lavaca.

Acknowledgments:

Mary Belle Meitzen introduced Russell Cain, Chairman of the Calhoun County Republican Party, who presented recognition of the event from the following: Todd Hunter, State Representative District 32 (resolution and flag flown over Texas Capitol); Geanie Morrison, State Representative District 30 (resolution); Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas (letter); Jerry Patterson, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office (letter); Greg Abbott, Attorney General, State of Texas (recognition letter); George W. Bush, Former President, United States (letter). Meitzen also introduced Evelyn Burlison, who delivered remarks on behalf of the Democratic Party of Calhoun County.

Introduction of Speaker:

Mary Belle Meitzen introduced the speaker for the occasion, Henry Wolff.

Dedication Address:

Henry Wolff, Past President, Texas Folklore Society, delivered remarks on the importance of Ed Bell to the history of Calhoun County, as well as his significance to the cause of storytelling as a facet of literature in general and folklore in particular. Wolff's first

published writing concerned the stories of Ed Bell.

Ed Bell Marker Story:

Leann Bell, daughter of Ed Bell, delivered remarks on the story of the Ed Bell marker.

Acceptance by Family:

Leann Bell and Cathy Bell, daughters of Ed Bell, accepted the marker on behalf of the family.

Response on Behalf of the County:

Roger Galvan, County Commissioner, Precinct 1, gave remarks on the marker to Ed Bell as a facet of his precinct.

Closing Remarks:

Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair, delivered closing remarks and announced plans for the unveiling of the marker at the Indianola Fishing Center. She acknowledged the contributions of Don, Brenda, and Kerry Hanselka, owners of the Center.

Retiring of the Colors:

John Kassner and John Foester, CCHC members, retired the colors.

Benediction:

The benediction was given by CCHC member, Avril Sassman.

Unveiling of the Marker:

The CCHC and guests reconvened at 2:45 p.m. at the Indianola Fishing Center, 8 Bell Road, where members of the family unveiled the marker.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by the Secretary, Sue Thomae



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