

**Calhoun County Historical Commission**  
Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014  
6:30-8:00 p.m. at Calhoun County Library  
200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas

**Minutes of the Secretary**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mary Belle Meitzen, Chair, CCHC, at 6:30 p.m.

**Invocation:**

The invocation was given by John Kassner.

**Pledges to the Flags:**

John Kassner, Sergeant-at-Arms/Parliamentarian, led the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

**Quorum:**

John Kassner certified that there was a quorum present. Those in attendance were as follows:

George Anne Cormier	John Meitzen	Isabel Spiller (Guest)
Peggy Dobbins	Mary Belle Meitzen	Phil Thomae
John Kassner	Gary Ralston	Sue Thomae
Steve Koch	Walter Spiller	Florene Windham

**Announcement of the Order of Business:** The agenda as posted at the Courthouse and on the website was adopted, there being no objection.

**Approval of the Minutes of February 11, 2014:**

Secretary Sue Thomae stated that the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2014, were posted on the CCHC website: [www.calhouncountyhc.org](http://www.calhouncountyhc.org). The minutes were approved as posted, there being no corrections or additions.

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Phil Thomae reported that the treasurer's report was posted on the CCHC website. There being no corrections or additions, the report was accepted as posted.

**Unfinished Business:**

The Commission decided to let stand the motion to fund the kiosk at Indianola in cooperation with the GBRA Texas Heritage Trail's German immigration project, the exact amount of funding to be determined when an exact figure is presented by Tommy Schulte.

**New Business:**

Gary Ralston moved as follows: "In view of the numerous accounts of Civil War period earthworks and related structures in Calhoun County that are described in both Union and Confederate correspondence, as well as in various diaries of Union soldiers stationed here at the time, I make a motion that the Historical Commission support efforts to research and identify structures that may still exist, and document and preserve them where possible." Steve Koch seconded. After discussion, the motion was approved.

**Program:**

Walter Spiller, Chair, Historical Appreciation Committee, presented a program on the cotton gins in Calhoun County, past and present.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Cemetery Committee:** John Kassner, Chair, reported that a meeting of the committee has been planned.

**Jail Bricks:** Mary Belle Meitzen reported that the jail bricks project is awaiting dry weather for completion of the transfer of those bricks.

**Marker Committee:** Mary Belle reported that plans are being finalized for the three scheduled marker dedications: WWII marker, William Barnes, Chihuahua Trail.

**Museum:** George Anne Cormier reported on the activities of the museum.

**Special Committee: Scavenger Hunt:**

Mary Belle Meitzen reported on the progress of the scavenger hunt project headed by John Foester. Meitzen set a date for a planning workshop for the scavenger hunt for March 18.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by the CCHC Chair at 7:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the CCHC will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at the meeting room of the Calhoun County Public Library.

**Submitted by the Secretary, Sue Thomae**



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