

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of August 11, 2015
6:25-7:30 at Calhoun County Library

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:25 PM

Quorum:

A quorum was met, those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	Phil Thomae	Avril Sassman	Steve Koch
John Meitzen	Sue Thomae	Florene Windham	Jim Munro
John Kassner	Clifton Baccus	George Anne Cormier	Walter Spiller
Gary Ralston	John Foester	Tommy Schulte	

Invocation:

By John Meitzen

Pledges of Allegiance:

By John Kassner

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Gary Ralston will post July report

Consider/Approve Minutes:

May 12, 2015 minutes were approved as posted

Vicky Kepler's resignation was accepted

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Lavaca Bombardment Interpretive display-Gary Ralston made a motion to approve \$2,255.00 for the display, and the motion carried
- B. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse Mold Removal-Per Jim Munro:
Findings:
 1. There was some light mold on the exterior structure
 2. There is heavy mold on the railings and their supportsRecommendations:
 1. Pressure wash the exterior structure and railings
 2. Paint structure and railings with mold-resistant paint
- C. Cemeteries:
 1. Little Mary-John Kassner is presently working on this
 2. Sonneman-Peggy Gains is currently working on this
 3. Gladney Tour-Jody Brett is presently working on this
- D. Magnolia Beach Kiosk-Steve Koch has completed this project

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- E. Museum-Per George Anne-Museum had a great summer and work is progressing on the “new display” to open in the fall

- F. Markers:
 - 1. German Immigration Through Carlshaven –Gary Ralston approved the final wording
 - 2. Knipling-Pending
 - 3. Battle of Norris Bridge-Pending
 - 4. Angelina Everly Broken Post-Gary Ralston repaired this
 - 5. Sunlight Girls Marker-Dedication completed June 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Wilkins School
 - 6. Camel Corps Marker Dedication is set for November 28, 2015
 - 7. John and Mary Belle Meitzen attended a THC Marker Workshop on June 9, 2015
 - 8. “Cotton Gins”-Walter Spiller has completed a rough draft

- G. Indianola Scavenger Hunt-In the planning stage per John Foester-John called for a meeting for ideas at his home on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:30 PM

Consider/Take Action Other Standing Committee Report:

- 1. Melvin Rosenbaum had a book signing on July 28 at the Calhoun County Library on his book “Scissor Tails at Dawn, Bullbats at Dusk”. He gave an interesting review of the book. There were about 30 in attendance.

The THC Distinguished Service Award was recognized

Consider/Approve WWII Interpretive Display:

A motion to approve the display was tabled

Consider/Approve Seadrift Silhouette :

A motion to go forward with the purchase of a silhouette was made by Avril Sassman, seconded by John Foester, and the motion carried

Consider/Approve Sharing Indianola Sign Expenses with Commissioner Galvan:

A motion to approve helping with expenses will be brought back to the table at a future meeting

Consider/Approve Paying Registration Fee for the THC Bullock Workshop “Improving Education & Outreach” on September 21, 2015 for George Anne Cormier and Vicki Cox, \$130.00:

A motion to pay this expense was made by Jim Munro and seconded by John Foester, and the motion carried

Consider/Take Action Commission Input:

Jim Munro was recognized for his presentation of LBJ’s Medicare position to the Democratic Club

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GBRA "Heritage Trail":

Tommy Schulte gave a presentation on the GBRA River Heritage Tour. The tour focuses on the history and culture of ten towns and their areas within the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's jurisdiction:

Port Lavaca

Refugio

Victoria

Cuero

Gonzales

Luling

San Marcos

Seguin

New Braunfels

Boerne

Special Guest:

Lance Schultz-President of the UHV History & Humanities Assoc. (schultz1@uhv.edu)
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Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM