

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of March 10, 2015
6:30-7:30 PM at Calhoun County Library

Minutes of Secretary

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 PM

Invocation:

By Avril Sassman

Pledges to the Flags:

John Kassner led pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Quorum:

There was a quorum present. Those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	John Meitzen	Gary Ralston	Nelson Marek
John Kassner	Avril Sassman	Jody Brett	Florene Windham
Robert Loflin	Jim Munro	George A. Cormier	Walter Spiller

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report by Gary Ralston was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 27, 2015 by Sue Thomae were approved

Report: March 3, 2015 Texas Declaration of Independence Remembrance

Walter Spiller gave a report on the Texas Declaration of Independence Remembrance that took place at the Calhoun County Museum at noon on March 3, 2015.

Standing Committee Reports:

Work Plan Schedule for 2015: Plan an event, possibly at Indianola, involving some sort of competition in which silver coins could be given as prizes.

It was recommended that the commission have a work study done about family participation in events at Indianola. Robert Loflin volunteered to have a meeting with John Foester to discuss possibilities, and then discuss it at the next regular scheduled meeting. Also, It was recommended that a committee be established to work on the above mentioned agenda, and everyone present at the meeting volunteered to be on the committee.

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Port O' Connor Cemetery:

On April 11, 2015, from 11-12:30, the Port O'Connor Cemetery Association and the Calhoun County Historical Commission will host the Port O'Connor Historic Texas Cemetery Marker Dedication.

Markers:

Sunlight Girls-June 20, 2015

DeLeon-Pending

Camel Corps-Pending

Dr. Edward Knipling-Pending

Mission Refugio-Approved by the THC, mailed \$1900

Lavaca Bombardment Silhouette: City sign installed Feb. 13, 2015, picture mailed to Trull;

Interpretive Sign-Gary Ralston is working to get an interpretive display, and will discuss it at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Post 1945 Bridge Mitigation Project:

John Kassner agreed to contact Bruce.jensen@txdot.gov

Cemetery Committee:

Members: Joe D. Brett, Nelson Marek, Steve Koch, Gary Ralston, John Foester, Peggy Gains, Walter Spiller, Clay Brett, Robert Loflin, Tommy Schulte, John Kassner

Agenda:

Gladney Tour-Jody Brett is working on it-still pending

Little Mary-John Kassner

Sonneman-Peggy Gains

Oral History:

George Anne Cormier volunteered to help Vicky Kepler conduct the Oral History Interviews at the Calhoun County Museum.

Museum:

George Anne Cormier has been busy on a new exhibit at the Museum-details would be revealed at the next meeting.

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Members Assigned to the Following Projects:

Website/Facebook: Gary Ralston

Green Lake: Tommy Schulte

Archeology: Nelson Marek, Gary Ralston, Walter Spiller

Junior Historian: George Anne Cormier, Sue Thomae

George Fred Rhodes Documentation: Debbie Stovall

Half Moon Reef Lighthouse/Matagorda Lighthouse: Phil Thomae

Review/Revise Endangered Historic Properties:

The following properties were mentioned:

Bindewald Cemetery

Indianola Homes

Indianola & Green Lake Federal Civil War Camp Sites

1936 La Salle Monument

Matagorda Lighthouse & Civil War Ramparts

Rasmussen House

Quick Freezing Plant

WWII Camp Indianola

Green Lake Native American Burial/Midden Sites

Former Methodist Church on Guadalupe/Live Oak Streets

Consider/Approve 2015 Work Plan Schedule:

A motion to accept the 2015 work plan was made by Jim Munro and seconded by Robert Loflin.

The motioned carried.

New Projects:

Interpretive signs for:

WWII Camp Indianola

Olivia

Port Lavaca

Causeway

Port O'Connor

Reenactment Lavaca Bombardment

Historical Cemetery Tour

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Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM