

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of October 13, 2015
6:30-715 PM at Calhoun County Library

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 PM.

Quorum:

A quorum was met, those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	John Foester	Gary Ralston	Walter Spiller
John Meitzen	Peggy Gaines	Avril Sassman	
Clifton Baccus	John Kassner	Phil Thomae	
Florene Windom	Jim Munro	Sue Thomae	

Invocation:

By John Meitzen

Pledges of Allegiance:

By John Kassner

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report by Gary Ralston was approved as posted.

Consider/Approve Minutes:

Minutes for the September 8, 2015 meeting were approved as posted by Walter Spiller.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

A. Indianola Scavenger Hunt/Texas Archeology:

1. John Foester requested another scavenger hunt workshop at his barn on Wednesday evening, October 21st, 2015 at 6:30 PM.
2. John Foester recommended that the Commission authorize the purchase of up to 40 T-shirts for the scavenger hunt. Motion carried.

- B. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse Repairs-Two bids for work on the lighthouse were received. Jim Munro made a motion, which carried, that we follow county procedures and accept the lowest bid which was the one from *R.J. Wooten Painting & More*. According to County Auditor, Cindy Mueller, it is necessary for the Commissioner's Court to be notified of the CCHC's intent to apply for the Louise S. and W.J. Bauer Charitable Endowment Trust to secure grant funding for the Half Moon Reef Lighthouse repairs. Per Susan Riley, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, action will be taken on the request at the October 22nd, 2015 Commissioners Court meeting.

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C. Seadrift Silhouette-Pending

Consider/Take Necessary Action Other Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Fair Display-Phil Thomae will enter the CCHC fair display for 2015.
- B. GBRA River Heritage Tour-A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Port Lavaca kiosk will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the Bauer Community Center.

Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business:

- A. TXDOT's proposed rehabilitation project on Lavaca Bay Causeway-Per Barbra Grahmann, Environmental Specialist, TXDOT-Yoakum District:

TXDOT is planning to rehabilitate the existing bridge in consultation with Texas Historical Commission to ensure the bridge will not be adversely affected as a result of the proposed project. The proposed project would let in December 2015, and construction should begin in spring of 2016. Construction work would consist of repairs to the bridge structure that would result in an increased sufficiency rating of the bridge, prolonging the life of the existing bridge. TXDOT is also proposing to add a centerline railing to the bridge in an effort to separate opposing lanes of traffic and allow for safer travel across the bridge.

The bridge is an historical bridge because of its construction. John Kassner made a motion to send a letter to TXDOT supporting the project, seconded by Avril Sassman-motion carried.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM