

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015
6:30-7:40 PM at Calhoun County Library

Call to Order:

The 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	Joe D. Brett	Steve Koch	Walter Spiller
John Meitzen	George A. Cormier	Robert Loflin	
John Kassner	John Foester	Jim Munro	
Gary Ralston	Peggy Gains	Tommy Schulte	

Invocation:

By John Meitzen

Pledges of Allegiance:

By John Kassner

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report was approved as posted

Consider/Approve Minutes:

Minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting were approved as posted

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

A. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse:

1. Per Jim Munro: According to Mr. Angel Dominguez, some carpentry work, as well as painting, is needed on the Lighthouse. Mr. Dominguez gave a bid of \$3000 plus materials for labor costs for painting the exterior of the structure. He said the cost of carpentry repairs would have to be negotiated, based on the extent of the repairs and the time involved.

Joe D. Brett said he knew of a carpenter that could look at the lighthouse and possibly give us an idea of what was needed.

Jim Munro was asked to contact R.J. Wooten & More for a bid since he did the original painting.

Jim Munro made a motion to give the Executive Board permission to enter into an appropriate contract to receive bids for carpentry work, and act appropriately on the bids. Steve Koch seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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2. Termites-Dowell Pest Control proposed a bid for termite treatment of the lighthouse:
 - a. \$400.00 to treat each of the cement piers under the lighthouse
 - b. \$100.00 for annual preventive treatment
 - c. Termite preventive treatment was tabled until the Lighthouse is repaired.

B. Indianola Scavenger Hunt-Per John Foester: The event will take place on October 31st from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Contestants will meet by the camel marker at Indianola Beach.

Awards agreed on:

1 oz. silver coins for 1st and 2nd place

½ oz. silver coins for 3rd and 4th place

A motion was made by Robert Loflin to purchase six 1 oz. silver coins for the awards, and was seconded by Steve Koch. The motion carried.

A scavenger hunt workshop was called for Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 PM at Joe D. Brett's barn.

C. Museum:

1. Story of Texas workshop September 21, 2015-On Monday September 21, George Anne Cormier and Vicki Cox will be going to the Bullock Museum in Austin for the "Connecting Educators and Audiences" workshop. The Bullock Museum staff will be joined by representatives from school districts and service providers to discuss how museums and historic sites can create programming and resources that best serve teachers and students. George Anne and Vicki will each attend different sessions at the workshop.
2. Panorama-George Anne is still working on this project: She said the completion of the project is going to be delayed due to the artist working on the project has had knee surgery.
3. Friends of the Port O'Connor Library is sponsoring "A Beautiful Night Under the Texas Stars, Dinner With Texas Authors" at The Sanctuary at Costa Grande on September 19, 2015 from 6-9 PM. There will be a silent auction, tickets are \$25.00.
4. October: Texas Archeology Month will be celebrated with the Indianola Scavenger Hunt

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D. Markers:

1. Camel Corps Dedication-November 28, 2015, 10:00 A.M. Marker Site
2. Cotton Gin Marker Story-Walter Spiller is working on this
3. Knipling and Battle of Norris Bridge marker installation-Gary Ralston

E. Cemeteries:

1. Little Mary-John Kassner is working on this
2. Gladney Cemetery Tour-Joe D. Brett is working on this
3. Sonneman-Peggy Gains

Consider/Take Action Other Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Seadrift Silhouette-Peggy Gains is working on this. Gary and Mary Belle will be presenting at the City of Seadrift council meeting.
- B. Indianola Sign Repair-Mr. Galvan will do the repairs by putting the same thing back that was there before
- C. GBRA Kiosk:
 1. Per Gary Ralston-In February 2014 a motion was passed by the Historical Commission to provide financial assistance to the GBRA for the installation of a kiosk at Indianola related to the Heritage Trail initiative beginning in Calhoun County. It was stipulated that the exact amount would be determined at a later date. While the original idea was to install the kiosk at Indianola, it was decided to move the location to the Bauer Center.
The Executive Board made a motion to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$1000 for the installation of the kiosk at the Bauer Center, and the motion carried.
 2. Tommy Schulte gave a an overview of the project

Consider/Approve Nomination to replace vacancy in CCHC for remainder of expired term:

According to CHC statute Sec. 318.003-The members of the commission shall be appointed during the month of January of odd-numbered years and are appointed for a term of two years. **The commissioners court shall fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.** No action was taken.

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Consider/Take Action Commission Input:

- A. Alton Allen Historical Conference-October 17, 2015
- B. Fair Display-After discussion, commission voted to not enter a display. Motion carried.
- C. Fair Parade-Joe D. Brett considering entering the parade.
- D. Young Rotarians(Philip Swope)/Scouts(Ron Molina) were presented as potential participants for historical activities.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 PM