

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular-Scheduled Meeting of September 13, 2016
6:30 -7:00 PM at the Calhoun County Library

Minutes of Secretary

Call to Order:

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

Invocation:

By Avril Sassman

Pledges of Allegiance:

Led by Mary Belle Meitzen

Quorum:

A quorum was met. Those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meritzen	John Meitzen	Jim Munro
John Kassner	George A. Cormier	Avril Sassman
Gary Ralston	Steve Koch	Phil Thomae
Walter Spiller	Robert Loflin	Sue Thomae

Guests:

Mary Nevarez
Jeffery Lyon

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report by Gary Ralston was approved as posted

Consider/Approve August 9, 2016 Minutes:

Minutes by Walter Spiller approved as posted

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

1. Museum-Per George Anne Cormier-Still trying to get the Indian figure repaired. She said she needed to have the exhibit ready for display by October the 1st
2. Seadrift Locomotive-Per Gary Ralston: The silhouette is still lying on the ground at this time, however, the Seadrift City Council is expecting to have it mounted soon
3. Cemeteries:
 - A. Little Mary-Per John Kassner: John pulled grass and trimmed brush around the cemetery to get necessary pictures to complete the application for the Historical Texas Cemetery designation. He hopes to have the application ready to send in soon

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- B. Zimmerman-Per John Kassner: The committee is planning another workday at Zimmerman in late October
 - C. Weyers and McGuire graves at Mag Beach-Per Gary Ralston: The area around the grave site needs mowing, and Mary Belle Meitzen said that she would email the Taylors(owners)and request to have it mowed
 - D. Powderhorn-Per Mary Belle Meitzen: Mary Belle received a phone call from Daniel Walker of the Wildlife Division of the TP&W in Port O'Connor. Daniel told her that he would need to get permission from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation for us to be able to gain access to view the graves on the ranch. He said that he would contact the foundation and let us know when we would be able to gain access
4. Junior Historians: Texas Camel Corps Presentation October 26, 2016-Mary Belle Meitzen suggested that instead of staging the event at the museum as planned, it might be more practical to have it at the Bauer Ag. Building and use the bleachers there.
Sue Thomae recommended having the students attend in 3 shifts rather than all at once.
5. Markers:
- A. Cotton Gin Location-Per Walter Spiller: On August 31, 2016, marker committee members met with Steve Pampiin, local manager of the *Moreman Gin*, and Steven Tschatschula, from the state, to select a site for the "Cotton Gins of Calhoun County" historical marker. A site near the highway, just east of the gin's main entrance, was agreed upon, and Mr. Tschatschula said he would draw something up on it and present it to his superiors. At this time, we are waiting for Steven to contact us back
 - B. Original Mission Refugio-Per Mary Belle Meitzen: While meeting with Steven Tschatschula on August 31 in reference to the "Cotton Gins of Calhoun County" historical marker location, Mr. Tschatschula received a text saying that the "Original Mission Refugio" marker had been completed and was being shipped
 - C. Henry J. Huck Marker-Per Gary Ralston: Application is ready to be submitted to the state-all the commission needs to do is send the \$100.00 filing fee, and the Huck family has agreed to pay \$1800 for the marker
 - D. Kamey-Mary Belle Meitzen is working with Kevin McKamey on the Kamey marker story. She hopes to have it ready in October
 - E. Relocation Request of the "Civil War Bombardment", "Civil War Torpedo Works" and "Alsatian Immigration" historical markers by Steve and Judy Thorne-Gary Ralston has received several ideas on possible new locations for these markers. It was agreed upon that after the close of this meeting, the Marker Committee members would meet to review these ideas, and then come back at the October meeting with a recommendation of which could be voted on at that time

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM