

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING

The meeting was held at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan St., Port Lavaca, Texas. It was called to order by Chair Robert Loflin at 6:30 PM.

The Invocation was by John Meitzen and the Pledges of Allegiance were led by Robert Loflin.

The February 12, 2019 minutes were approved and accepted as posted.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as posted.

Consider/Take Necessary Action on THC Correspondence:

The THC sent out an email containing some videos on orientation and the different rolls for the different members of the historical commission.

Consider/Take Necessary Action on the Cemetery Committee Report:

Per John Kassner:

On March 29, 2019, John and Jody Brett looked at the cemeteries of Calhoun County:

1. Clark Cemetery- Needs to be mowed and weed-eated.
2. Sonoman Cemetery- Had sustained much animal damage (cattle and hogs). It is going to need a lot of work.
3. Indianola Cemeteries- Both cemeteries had been mowed and looked good.
4. Weyers & McGuire Cemetery- The perimeter had been mowed around, but needs some relatively minor weed-eating within.

A decision was made that Clark Cemetery would be the best choice to work on, so, weather permitting, a workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Consider/Take Necessary Action on the Marker Committee Report:

Per Mary Belle Meitzen:

- A. Huck Marker-The Huck Marker dedication is coming whenever the Hucks fly in. It will be a low-keyed event.
- B. Kamey Marker- TXDOT is running behind in their road recovery, so there will be an autumn dedication for this marker.
- C. Gin Marker- The weeds around the marker have been sprayed, and TXDOT is waiting for the area to dry, at which time, they will go in and mow around the marker and then back-fill the low spots.
- D. Chocolate Community- Mary Belle Meitzen and Jody Brett are working on collecting data on this.

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Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business:

Camel Presentation:

Per Sue Thomae:

The Texas Camel Corps Presentation was held on April 3, 2019 on the campus of Travis Middle School in Port Lavaca, Texas. Per Sue, it was a success. Even though it sprinkled a little, everyone was able to remain in place.

Commission members present were:

Sue & Phil Thomae

John Kassner

Gary Ralston

Mary Belle Meitzen

All 7th graders in the county attended. Doug Baum, owner of the Texas Camel Corps, talked to two classes each hour during the day. At least 200 students were able to enjoy the presentation.

Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business:

Mary Belle Meitzen gave an informed and interesting presentation (including slides) on the Matagorda Lighthouse. The presentation was very enlightening, not just because of the information on the lighthouse itself, but also information on some of the area surrounding the lighthouse.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Commission Input:

Per Steve Koch:

Nelson Marek has been moved out of state by his family.

Adjournment:

Chair Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.