

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING

The January 12, 2021 meeting was held at the Calhoun County Library at 200 W. Mahan St., Port Lavaca, Texas.

In Attendance:

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| Robert Loflin | Jim Munro |
| John Kassner | Linda Munro |
| Gary Ralston | Steve Koch |
| Walter Spiller | John Foester |
| Mary Belle Meitzen | Brent Hart |
| John Meitzen | |

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Loflin at 6:30 PM.

Invocation: John Meitzen

Pledges of Allegiance: Robert Loflin

Review and Approve the December 8, 2020 Minutes: A motion was made by John Kassner and seconded by Steve Koch to approve the minutes as posted. The motion carried.

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gary Ralston posted the Treasurer's Report on the Historical Commission's website. A motion was made by Mary Belle Mitzen and seconded by John Kassner to approve the report as posted. The motion carried.

Consider/Take Necessary Action On THC Correspondence:

Per Robert Loflin concerning the removal of an historical commission marker:

The THC has put together language that would be entered in Texas Code that would set up a process to remove an historical commission marker in the case where someone objected to the content of the marker. Currently there is no process to address this.

There is a zoom meeting scheduled for January the 20th to discuss changes to the regulations concerning this subject.

Then the program itself will be voted on in the February 2nd and 3rd meeting of the THC board.

If anyone needs information on this, let Robert Loflin know and he will send you an email containing a link you can go to to register for the zoom meeting.

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Consider/Take Necessary Action On The Cemetery Committee Report:

Per John Kassner:

The CCHC Cemetery Committee was unable to do any work on its historic burial site cemeteries in the county due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. However, Mary Belle Meitzen regularly toured the historic cemeteries in Calhoun County and after noticing some broken headstones, she contacted County Commissioner David Hall in November. They met and he agreed to have his crew repair the damaged headstones and John Kassner provided the epoxy for the repairs.

Per Mary Belle Meitzen:

Mary Belle toured the Bendewald Cemetery. It was mowed with access all the way to the bay on a gravel road. Research is still being done on the property deeds at this time, and if the cemetery is not deeded property, it will need to be deeded. "Once we're sure the property has been deeded, we can go forward with an historical cemetery application."

Consider/Take Necessary Action on Marker Committee Report:

Per Gary Ralston:

Gary cleared up some questions with the THC concerning the location of the Undertold Marker application for the Matagorda Lighthouse. Gary explained to them that a location near the county library would be a good centralized location, because additional markers will probably be coming one day for other historical sites located out on the island.

Per Gary: "There will be a THC meeting in February and we should know something concerning this marker soon afterwards."

Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business:

- A. Election of Officers for 2021-2022 Term:
 - Chairman-----Robert Loflin
 - Vice Chairman-----John Kassner
 - Treasurer-----Gary Ralston
 - Secretary-----Mary Belle Meitzen
 - Marker Committee Chair-----Gary Ralston
 - Cemetery Committee Chair—John Kassner

A motion to accept these officers was made by Jim Munro and seconded by Steve Koch. The motion carried.

- B. Receive member nominations for 2021-2022 Term:
 - Robert Loflin
 - Gary Ralston
 - Wesley Abraham
 - Mary Belle Mietzen
 - John Meitzen
 - Linda Munro

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| Joe Brett | Dana Nichols |
| George Ann Cormier | Larry Nichols |
| Paul Adonnelly | Jan Regan |
| Chad Dow | Walter Spiller |
| John Foester | Phil Thomae |
| Sue Glover | Sue Thomae |
| Brent Hart | Sue Traylor |
| John Kassner | Jerry Weaver |
| Steve Koch | Barbara Williams |
| Kevin McKamey | |

A motion to accept these nominations was made by Gary Ralston and seconded by John Kassner. The motion carried.

Adjournment:

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