

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met November 9, 2021, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 P.M. Quorum was met. In attendance were Robert Loflin, John Kassner, Brent Hart, Mary Belle Meitzen, Larry Nichols, Dana Nichols, Wesley Abraham, Gary Ralston, and Linda Munro.

Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Robert Loflin. The Pledges of Allegiance were recited. Minutes of July 13, 2021, were read and approved. Treasure Gary Ralston reported two expenditures. Total account balance is \$37,315.36. THC continuing training seminars needs forwarding to all members. Architectural Survey list of County properties submitted. Cemetery Chair John Kassner reported Little Mary's grave needs mowing along fence line. Jody Brett has requested a Clark Cemetery workday. Chairman Loflin explained the City removed the rusty fence at Ranger Cemetery and plans to remove the concrete freezer foundation. A new fence may be considered in the future.

Marker Chair Gary Ralston reported Springs of Calhoun County Marker was installed on 1090 during October 2021. Chocolate Community Marker is at the foundry. The Matagorda Lighthouse and Louis A Andry markers were accepted by the THC on July 27, 2021. Both were privately funded. Olivia Replacement Marker was paid. To prevent further loss, it was agreed to move the marker inside the fence since caretaker Bill Parrish locks gate in evening.

Old Business: Wesley Abraham is continuing to contact individuals for Empress Sailing Ship photo to be used for the Olivia silhouette. Chairman Loflin gave an update on the Green Lake Parks Board. Commission requests interpretive history kiosk. Larry Nichols reported City/County Bus tour upcoming. Chairman Loflin received a bid from the Pesek Hermes Memorials for the Margaret Clement and David Vance tombstones. Larry Nichols moved, Wesley Abraham seconded that the commission go forwards with the Clement Stone repair. Motion carried. Hermes recommended a new stone for David Vance cost \$800.00. After discussion, it was decided to set the original stone in concrete with a name plaque.

New Business: 2022 business was discussed. Hiring a GPR scan to locate Indianola graves for recognition was suggested by Gary Ralston. Camels will be scheduled for a school tour. Florine Windham will be remembered for her service to the Commission. Chairman Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting. Next meeting will be in 2022.