

## CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

OCTOBER 13, 2022

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met October 13, 2022, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Robert Loflin called the Meeting to Order. Quorum was met. Attendance included: Mary Meitzen, Robert Loflin, John Kassner, Gary Ralston, Steve Koch, Sue Thomae, and Philip Thomae. Invocation was given by Mary Meitzen. Robert Loflin led the Pledges of Allegiance. Guest Eddie Tyler was introduced.

Steve Koch proposed, John Kassner second: Minutes of July 12, 2022 were accepted and approved. John Kassner proposed, Steve Koch second: Treasurer's Report approved. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported \$500.00 donation accepted by County from Margaret Clegg for the P.L. Shrimp Fishery Marker honoring Robert Clegg. THC Correspondence included Calhoun County Historic Survey rough draft presented October 12, 2022, at the Calhoun County Library. In attendance were: Judge Richard Meyer, guest Clay Bates, CCHC members: Mary Meitzen, Robert Loflin, Gary Ralston, Steve Koch, and John Kassner.

Cemetery chair, John Kassner, had no new action to report. However, cemetery business included Robert Loflin, who sprayed Little Mary's Grave in preparation for her descendants, Carol Mitchell and Cynthia Hansen, Autumn's viewing. Little Mary Mitchell is a daughter of JTW Mitchell and Margarett Mitchell, identified on 1860 Indianola census. Grave site still needs cleaning.

Marker Chair, Gary Ralston, presented the final Sentry Mapping plats for Old Town and Indianola Cemeteries. The plats will be stored at the Calhoun County Museum. Louis Andry Marker script is waiting for THC acceptance. Olivia replacement marker has not arrived. Chocolate Community Marker has been shipped to Precinct 1. Matagorda Lighthouse Marker is at the foundry. Shrimp Fisheries Marker in line for writing. Gary Ralston reported he and Mary Meiten picked up the George Seelingson Tombstone found by two fishermen fishing near the Indianola Cemetery (in the 1950s). Three tombstones await installation at the Cemetery. Robert Loflin is to send out notice for Half Day Workday. Eddie Tyler agreed to construct forms.

Old Business: Gary Ralston passed out copies of the Olivia Silhouette Project. It was agreed to obtain final costs for the project. Steve Koch pointed out the deterioration of the current support posts on the Camel Silhouette which is ten years old. Eddy Tyler reported Beck Co. had installed new air conditioning at the Half Moon Reef Lighthouse purchased by the City of Port Lavaca, who also will be painting the interior of the Lighthouse. Sue Thomae reported 272 Calhoun County seventh graders attended the Texas Camel Corps presentation by Doug Baum. The Calhoun County Wave will be featuring an article. Notes of appreciation will be mailed to the teachers of Travis, Seadrift, and Our Lady of the Gulf School. There was no New Business. Chairman Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting.