

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 14,2023 MINUTES

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met February 14,2023, 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. Mary Belle Meitzen gave the invocation. Pledges to the flags were led by Chairman Loflin. In attendance was Gary Ralston, Mary Meitzen, Linda Munro, Eddie Tyler, Robert Loflin, Philip Thomae, Sue Thomae, Larry Nichols, Steve Koch, and Sue Glover.

January 10,2023, minutes were approved as posted online. Treasurer's Report, presented by Gary Ralston reported January balance \$32,006.83 with additional \$1,800 Eileen Clegg Barry donation for The Shrimp Fisheries Marker. Total: \$33,806.83. Chairman Loflin reported a note of thanks had been mailed to Eileen Barry.

THC Correspondence included THC Cemetery Training registration. John Kassner and Mary Meitzen have signed up to attend. Indianola Cemetery Workday on April 1, 2023, is scheduled for 9:00 to repair David Vance, Margaret Clement, and George Seeligson headstones. Marker Chair Gary Ralston reported no marker changes from previous month. Chocolate Community Marker was installed by John Foester, Joe D Brett, Wesley Abraham, and Gary Ralston. Olivia Cemetery replacement, Matagorda Lighthouse, and Louis Antoine Andry markers are at foundry. Shrimp Fishery marker is in line for write up. Clark Station Marker story was not selective as an Undertold Marker. Mary Meitzen moved Clark Station Marker be submitted for the THC 2023 Marker Application Process. Steve Koch seconded. Motion carried. Sue Glover expressed interest for a Matagorda Island Marker featuring Air Force Base.

Chocolate Community Marker Dedication is set for April 22, 2023, at 10:00. After discussion, a short program with no reception was decided. Family and church remembrances will be included. Linda Munro will contact Episcopal Priest for Invocation/Benediction. Linda will also provide water. Steve Koch is checking on CC Museum folding chairs. If unavailable, Larry Nichols will obtain chairs. Steve is also responsible for registration. Gary Ralston is responsible for speaker stand. John Kassner is responsible for flags. Mary Meitzen will contact county officials. Gary Ralston and Mary Meitzen will work on invitations and programs.

Gary Ralston recommended four panel Olivia Silhouette be purchased for \$5,700.00. Second by Mary Meitzen. Motion carried. Additional cost will be for shipping. Wesley Abraham is contacting County Commissioner Joel Behrens for installation. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse report was given by Eddie Tyler. City of Port Lavaca Derrick Smith is obtaining quotes for shutters and back door replacement. The Light House was broken into over the weekend and back door kicked in. No interior damage. Interior paint scraping is on going process. Deck board replacement may be extended until next year. Eddie Tyler volunteered to be responsible for nailing deck boards.

Commission Input included inviting John Foester to present "Clark Station" power point. Larry Nichols reported an Indianola featured article. Chairman Loflin adjourned the meeting.