

**CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2023 MINUTES**

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met January 10, 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: Sue Traylor, John Foester, Philip Thomae, Sue Thomae, Eddie Tyler, Wesley Abraham, Walter Spiller, Robert Loflin, Jody Brett, Vicki Cox, Linda Munro, John Kassner, Gary Ralston, Steve Koch, and Mary Meitzen. Members introduced themselves and guest Isabelle Spiller was welcomed.

December 13, 2022, minutes were read and corrected. Wesley Abraham moved minutes accepted as corrected. Sue Traylor second. Minutes accepted. Treasurer's Report, presented by Gary Ralston, showed current balance \$32,006.83. Sue Traylor moved report accepted. Wesley Abraham second. Treasurer's report approved. THC Correspondence included 2023 Membership List and 2022 End of Year Report was received. John Kassner presented End of Year Cemetery report which was corrected. Steve Koch moved report accepted. Gary Ralston second. Motion carried. Indianola tombstones workday for David Vance, Margaret Clement, and George Seeligson will be April 1, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. Jody Brett, John Foster, Edward Tyler will assemble materials.

Marker Chair Gary Ralston presented the Marker Report. Chocolate Community Marker is ready for Installation. Marker dedication is set for April 22, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. at Hatch Bend Country Club. Olivia Cemetery Marker replacement, Matagorda Lighthouse, and Louis Antoine Andry markers are at foundry. The Shrimp Fishery marker is in line for write up. Mary Belle Meitzen reported Derrick Smith is obtaining bids for the crosswalk and stairs for the Half Moon Reef Lighthouse.

The 2023-2025 Membership Roster was read and approved for: Robert Loflin, Gary Ralston, Wesley Abraham, Joe D Brett, Vicki Cox, Paula Donnelly, Edward Tyler, John Foester, Sue Glover, Brent Hart, Johathan Kassner, Steve Koch, Mary Belle Meitzen, Linda Munro, Dana Nichols, Larry Nichols, Jan Regan, Walter Spiller, Philip Thomae, Sue Thomae, Sue Traylor, Jerry Weaver, and Barbara Williams. Kevin McKamey, Chad Dowell, and George Ann Cormier went off. Vicki Cox and Edward Tyler came on. Chairman Loflin thanked Philip and Sue Thomae for their dedicated service. Wesley Abraham and John Foester presented the Nominating Committee report.

Officers elected for the 2023-2025 term are: Chairman Robert Loflin, Vice-Chair John Kassner, Secretary Mary Belle Meitzen, Treasurer Gary Ralston. Gary Ralston was appointed Marker Chair and John Kassner was appointed Cemetery Chair. Wesley Abraham requested the Olivia Silhouette be placed on the next agenda. Commissioner Joel Behrens is being contacted for the Olivia Silhouette installation by Wesley Abraham. Chairman Robert Loflin.