

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Minutes: December 10, 2024

Calhoun County Historical Commission met December 10, 2024, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas. Chairman Robert Loflin called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Larry Nichols. Pledges of Allegiance were led by Robert Loflin. In attendance were Steve Koch, Gary Ralston, John Foester, Larry Nichols, Robert Loflin, Mary Meitzen, Edward Tyler, and guest Kieth Hubbard. Minutes, November 12, 2024, were posted online, amended, and approved. Treasurer's report included Total Accounts \$34,685.63, Miscellaneous \$1622.42, and Capital Outlay \$8,205.71

THC Correspondence included Appointee Registration/End of Year Report. Calhoun County Library Building Use Request for 2025 was signed by Chairman Loflin. Cemetery: Kieth Hubbard cleaned Little Mary's Cemetery. Steinberg Cemetery Eagle Scout project begins again with cooler weather. Marker: Gary Ralston reported Victoria Precision's price quote \$28.00 for 140 markers, size 3"X8"X12". Kieth Hubbard and Mary Meitzen are obtaining written permission from Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and St. Joseph Baptist Church to be on site while cleaning markers. Matagorda Lighthouse Marker dedication is set for February 22, 2025, at the Port O Connor Library. Clark Station and Fisheries Markers are at the foundry.

Unfinished Business: Gary Ralston reported Calhoun High School works on Fridays to complete the Olivia Silhouette project. Motion to reimburse Calhoun High School shop department for expenses. Carried. Edward Tyler reported Half Moon Reef Lighthouse inside walls were scraped in time for Jay and Sheryl Cuellar to set up Christmas decorations. Calhoun County Precinct 3 Joel Behrens will paint the Lighthouse interior January 25. Matagorda Beach Cistern was completed and paid for by Calhoun County Precinct 1 David Hall. Kieth Hubbard reported Green Lake Park kiosk being designed. Nominating Committee Chairman John Foester reported following officer nominees for 2025: Chairman Larry Nichols, Vice-Chair Wesley Abraham, Treasurer Gary Ralston, Secretary Mary Belle Meitzen, Marker Chair John Foester, Cemetery Chair Kieth Hubbard. Motion moved and approved to accept the slate of officers for 2025.

New Business: Following 2025-2026 Appointee Rooster presented with possible additions for Calhoun County Historical Commission Members included: Wesley Abraham, Joe D. Brett, Vicki Cox, Jay Cuellar, Sheryl Cuellar, John Foester, Sue Glover, Brent Hart, Kieth Hubbard,, John Kassner, Steve Koch, Robert Loflin, Mary Belle Meitzen, Linda Munro, Dana Nichols, Larry Nichols, Gary Ralston, Jan Regan, Juan Rodriguez, Walter Spiller, Phil Thomae, Sue Thomae, Sue Traylor, Edward Tyler.

Commission Input: Motion to honor Phil and Sue Thomae with member emeritus status passed. Certificate presentation set for early spring 25. Motion to share Capital Outlay with County Commissioners Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 if approved by County Auditor. Carried. Motion to Honor Judge Richard H. Meyer with plaque at tree site, Judges Island, Bauer Community Civic Center passed. Larry Nichols will order plaque. A Resolution of thanks, honoring Robert Loflin, Chairman 20-24, was offered by incoming chair Larry Nichols. Chairman Robert Loflin closed the meeting.