

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 9, 2024 MINUTES

Calhoun County Historical Commission met January 9, 2024, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas, at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Robert Loflin called the Meeting to Order. Quorum was met. The invocation was given by John Kassner. Pledges to the flags were led by Scout Cash Shirhall. The guests welcomed were Scout Cash Shirhall, Leslie Shirhall and Kieth Hubbard. Members in attendance were: Robert Loflin, John Kassner, Mary Meitzen, Steve Koch, Sue Traylor, Linda Munro, Vicki Cox, and Gary Ralston. Minutes from November 14, 2023, were read by Meitzen and approved. Treasurer's Report from Ralston was accepted. Loflin reported the THC Correspondence included the 2023 Annual Report.

Gary Ralston reported Sentry Mapping had found 15 grave sites at Ranger Cemetery and 6 grave sites at Weyers-McGuire. Six burial locations at Cemetery on the Ridge were reestablished. An additional two cemetery sites were located at the Weyers-McGuire location and will be checked for burials by Sentry Mapping. Matagorda Lighthouse Marker has been received. Clark Station Marker is at the foundry. Louis Andry Marker Dedication is scheduled for February 10, 2024, at 11:30 at the Bauer Exhibit Building, 305 Henry Barber Way, Port Lavaca. Lunch will be provided by Aaron Ralston. Members are asked to RSVP. Steve Koch registers and John Kassner leads the flag ceremony. Sue Traylor acts as Chaplain. Mary Meitzen serves as program chair. Gary Ralston oversees invitation, program, introduction of speakers, and lectern. Members will need to be present at 10:00 to set up the building.

Unfinished Business included Olivia Silhouette Project. Design has to be purchased from Brian Norwood. There has been discussion about the possibility of the CHS shop doing the cut-out. Larry Nichols volunteered contact Shop Teacher regarding this. Eddie Tyler reported Derrick Smith is obtaining two contractors for repainting inside of Half Moon Reef Lighthouse. Loflin reported Zimmerman Barrels will be moved on January 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner David Hall to the Calhoun County Museum. Steve Koch requested the Matagorda Beach Cistern leave a six foot easement not filled with shell. Gary Ralston and Kieth Hubbard are meeting with the Green Lake Park Committee including Frank Condren and Allan Berger on January 11, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

New Business included Scout Cash Shirhall presenting his Steinberg Cemetery Eagle Scout Project. He was told to get his project approved. The Commission voted to help him with his project. Loflin will investigate a request for a replacement headstone for Civil War Veteran William Strait. Sue Traylor and Steve Koch offered help with fencing.

Chairman Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting.

