

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MARCH 12, 2024 MINUTES

Calhoun County Historical Commission met March 12, 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. Mary Meitzen gave the Invocation. Members in attendance were: Wesley Abraham, Robert Loflin, Vicki Cox, Linda Munro, John Foester, Gary Ralston, Steve Koch, Jody Brett, Mary Meitzen, and Eddie Tyler. January 9, 2024 Minutes were read by Mary Meitzen. Minutes approved. Treasurer's Report, given by Gary Ralston, was approved including a budget balance of \$16,102.00 with a Donations Account balance \$34,493.00. THC Correspondence included 2023 Annual Report accepted.

Ralston reported Louis Andry Marker Dedication February 10, 2024, was attended by approximately 70 people. Descendent Eileen Saling and Caroline Hassell presented the program, which was followed by lunch courtesy of Aaron Ralston. Andry Marker unveiling followed lunch. Michael Barnes with Austin American-Statesman, will be touring Calhoun County with Gary Ralston. Barnes is interested in "Indianola" and "Eileen Saling and the Louis Andry Marker." Marker reports also included: Matagorda Lighthouse marker reported ready for installation by Brent Hart. Considered moving markers for Angelina Eberly and Andrew Rasmussen. Clark Station Marker inscription approved.

Sentry Mapping located 15 unmarked graves at Ranger Cemetery. At the Weyers-McGuire Cemetery, eight additional graves were located using an 1857 map for reference. Zimmerman Barrels have been relocated to C.C. Museum. Signage recognizing TOSS donation is needed. No action on Matagorda Beach Cistern Project. Robert Loflin reported Green Lake Park Committee is focusing on birding and day use and would not bring attention to Native Americans burials. Sue Traylor reported she had turned in fence recommendation to Cash Shirhall for Steinberg Cemetery Eagle Scout Project. Wesley Abraham moved the Olivia Silhouette design be purchased for \$700. Motion carried. Joe D. Brett reported a new burial at Clark Cemetery for William Grimm. Eddie Tyler reported Motorcycle Texas Grand Tour visiting Half Moon Reef Lighthouse. Lighthouse can be reopened with signage, "Enter At Own risk."

Chairman Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting.