

Calhoun County Historical Commission

Minutes: October 8, 2024

Calhoun County Historical Commission met October 8, 2024, at the Calhoun County Library 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Texas. Chairman Robert Loflin called the meeting to order. In attendance were Mary Meitzen, Steve Koch, Robert Loflin, Edward Tyler, Larry Nichols, Gary Ralston, and guest Commissioner Joel Behrens. Mary Meitzen gave the invocation. Robert Loflin led the pledges to the flags. Minutes, April 9, 2024, were accepted as corrected by Gary Ralston and posted online. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported \$34,673.00 Donations Account Balance and \$9,828.81 Budget Balance. No THC Correspondence reported.

The cemetery report included discussion on marking unknown graves with crosses or pavers since metal circles have been removed at the Ranger Cemetery and possibly others. Texas Parks and Wildlife David Kroskie discussed the location and development of the LaSalle Cemetery in the Powderhorn State Park with Mary Meitzen. She also attended THC Cemetery Designation zoom meeting on August 14, 2024. Marker Chair, Gary Ralston, reported the Matagorda Lighthouse Marker has been installed. The inscription for the Clark Station Marker has not arrived. The Fisheries Marker inscription was accepted and submitted.

Unfinished business: CHS Jason Hammelwright is ready to begin work on the Olivia Silhouette Project. Edward Tyler reported he would be working on a Lighthouse window leak. Commissioner Behrens will be meeting with Mrs. Meitzen for a lighthouse tour. Indian Point Cistern has a new fence installed by Derrick Blinka and paid for by Commissioner David Hall. Bluebonnet Ridge Cistern needs to be checked for depth and possible fence. Green Lake Park plans are still with architect. No update on the Steinberg Cemetery Eagle Scout Report.

New Business: Texas Camel Corps for Calhoun County 7th graders from Travis, Seadrift, and Our Lady of the Gulf Schools will be Thursday, October 10, 2024 from 8 to 4. Encroachment on Ranger Cemetery by vehicles parked on Port Lavaca City property was discussed. Derrick Blinka from Blinka Fence gave an approximate \$12,000 bid for a decorative metal fence. Cheaper designs can be discussed. Larry Nichols will discuss the use of bollards with Jody Weaver as an alternative City property marking. Larry invited everyone to attend the Museum of the Coastal Bend presentation, "Where Ranches Begin." Chairman Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting.