

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Cemetery Committee
Mary Belle Meitzen, chair
August 3, 2011

Cemetery Committee Meeting: July 25, 2011 305 Glenbrook, P.L.

Attendance: Steve Koch, Jon Kasper, Gary Ralston, Joe Williams, Nelson Marek, Walter Spiller, John Meitzen, Mary Meitzen

Agenda:

Reviewed Jan. 25, 2011 commitments for 125 Indianola Celebration

Joe Williams submitted Old Town Cem. & Indianola Cem. Lists.

Original Handouts modified by separating & including updated name list

Volunteers to host Cemeteries Open House included:

Old Town Cemetery: Joe Williams (holders), Jon Kasper

Indianola Cemetery: (white tent) Steve Koch, possible Joe Brett/Clif Baccus, Florine Windham

Discussed Zimmerman Cemetery Preservation progress by Commissioner Roger Galvan.

Read letter from Betty Davis, dated 7/13/11, requesting cemetery limited to family access due to fire hazard. Committee felt letter should be included with report.

Committee discussed Zimmerman Cemetery as a private family cemetery, no public parking, extreme fire hazard, no fire hydrants in area, cactus spines causing tire damage. Majority were in favor of keeping the cemetery closed to the public with one person wishing to have it open.

Selected August 2, 2011 to trim and wash Indianola Cemetery.

Recommended a sign listing all graves marked in 1958 by Leonard McCown to be installed at a later date.

Discussed Captain James Mainland crypt identification. Committee agreed to purchase marker for crypt.

July 26, 2011

Received two quotes for 8" x5" Marker (\$262.00 picked up, \$406.00 installed on concrete pad) from Don Jones Family Monuments for Captain James Mainland.

Received OK from CCHC Treasurer Phil Thomae for purchase.

Secretary Kay Williams wrote appreciation notes to Commissioner Vernon Lyssy for cleaning Linnville Marker, and Jimmy Hayes, Hayes Electric, for installing Historic Texas Cemetery Medallions on Zimmerman, Old Town, and Indianola Cemeteries.

August 2, 2011

Zimmerman/Indianola Workday

Attendance: Gary Ralston, Nelson Marek, Walter Spiller, Jon Kassner, Steve Koch, Mary Meitzen, volunteer Christi Saylor, Joe Brett...Brett's water tank!

Toured Zimmerman Cemetery to review Com. Galvan's preservation efforts. All graves have new bases and have been glued in place except for Wedig stone which will be completed this week. The ground has been leveled and smoothed. The preservation was overseen by Mary Belle Meitzen, Cemetery Chair. The crew has worked over two weeks on the preservation project.

Indianola Cemetery: Joe Brett provided his water tank. All stones were washed, weeded, and ant killer put out. Historic cistern was washed by Steve, Joe, and Mary Belle.

Committed discussed two bids for Captain James Mainland Bronze Marker. Decided to install marker themselves for \$262.00.

August 3, 2011

Jones Family Monument Company contacted by email and phone to order 8"x5" Bronze Marker for \$262.00. Wording includes:

Captain James Mainland

1820-1873

Buried in Cuero, Tx

Hillside Cemetery