

Calhoun County Historical Commission  
Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016  
6:30-7:00 PM at the Calhoun County Library

**Minutes of Secretary**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 PM

**Invocation:**

By John Meitzen

**Pledges of Allegiance:**

By Mary Belle Meitzen

**Quorum:**

A quorum was not met. Those in attendance were:

Mary Belle Meitzen	John Meitzen	Sue Thomae
John Kassner	Steve Koch	
Gary Ralston	Robert Loflin	
Walter Spiller	Phil Thomae	

**Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's report by Gary Ralston was approved as posted

**Consider/Approve September 13, 2016 Minutes:**

September minutes by Walter Spiller were approved as posted

**Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:**

1. Cemeteries:
  - A. Zimmerman-Per John Kassner, a workday is planned for October 29.
  - B. Weyers & McGuire-Walter Spiller filed a Discovery & Notice of Existence with the county clerk's office on September 22, 2016, and Mary Belle Meitzen sent a copy to the THC and they have forwarded it to be posted on the atlas. Also, the property owners(the Taylors)have orally given the Commission permission to put the tombstones back on the property.
  - C. Powderhorn Ranch Cemetery-On September 23, 2016, Cemetery Committee members Mary Belle Meitzen, John Kassner, Gary Ralston, Walter Spiller, John Foester and Joe D. Brett met with Texas Parks & Wildlife personnel: Dan Walker of the Wildlife Division out of Port O'Connor, archeologist Kent Hicks and interpretation specialist Ben Horstman, both of the Parks Division out of Rockport, and archeologist Josh Gibbs out of Austin, to view the cemetery on the ranch. The cemetery was

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measured, photographed and probed. One new grave was located, and two were cleared.

2. Junior Historians: Texas Camel Corps-Per Sue Thomae, the event has been finalized for October 26, 2016 at the Travis Middle School practice field, beginning at 8:00 AM. Sue is asking Commission members to be there.
3. Markers:
  - A. Cotton Gin Location-Marker is at the TXDOT yard in Port Lavaca. The marker will be located near the *Moreman Gin* on Hwy. 35.
  - B. Original Mission Refugio-Marker is at the TXDOT yard in Port Lavaca. The final location for this marker is still being discussed.
  - C. Kamey Community-Mary Belle Meitzen has written up the story for this marker, and Gary Ralston is ready to send it to the THC.
  - D. Dr. Edward Knipling-The dedication for this marker will be held on November 19, 2016, at 10:00 AM at the Ag Building at the fairgrounds. Dr. Roy Parker, past Gulf Coast District entomologist, is speaker.

**Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business:**

1. Relocation of the Civil War Bombardment, Civil War Torpedo Works, and Alsatian Immigration markers will be brought up at the November meeting.

**Consider/Take Necessary Action New Business:**

1. The Commission received a written resignation request from Peggy Gains on September 21, 2016 due to health problems. The Executive Board recommends that the CCHC accept the resignation, and it will be discussed at the November meeting.

**Consider/Take Necessary Action Commission Input:**

1. Next meeting will be on November 8, 2016.
2. November 15 is the 2016 THC Marker Deadline.
3. It was suggested that the Commission have a Christmas party on December 13, 2016 at the Ag Building. Mary Belle Meitzen has reserved room at the Ag Building.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.