

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes for 8 August 2017

Present: Joe D. Brett, George Anne Cormier, John Kassner, Steve Koch, Robert Loflin, John Meitzen, Mary Belle Meitzen, Jim Munro, Gary Ralston, Jan Regan, Avril Sassman and Walter Spiller.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Robert Loflin at 6:30pm.

Invocation: John Meitzen

Pledges of Allegiance: John Kassner

Quorum: The Chair declared a quorum was present.

Minutes: 8 August 2017 Minutes were approved.

Correspondence: None **Treasurer's Report:** No activity

Cemetery Committee Report:

Mary Belle said that signs are still pending for Ranger cemetery. Olivia Cemetery paperwork given to Historical Association.

Robert Loflin examined cemetery and noted that it certainly deserved historical designation. It was interesting mix of commercial and homemade markers. The Mexican homemade markers were particularly interesting. SIX Mile Cemetery; wants CCHC to file or historical designation. Noted that the cemetery is very well maintained.

Marker Committee Report:

Jan Regan said that she would tell property owner on Commerce St. that moving the signs is on the TxDot schedule.

Clark's station photo taken for marker installation. Seadrift dedication is being worked on.

New Items and General Discussion:

An engineering consulting company noted that a tower was going to be constructed near Hwy. 35 across the Bay. They requested a 106 review. After examination of the area and checking the historical atlas, the Chair concluded that it would impact NO historical structure.

An open meeting certification was received from Jan Regan.

The Museum director gave an update on the lens restoration. The charge will be \$8600 next time the restorer comes to the site. Much work remains to be done. Director Cormier also noted that a new exhibit was up and that other work is proceeding on future exhibits.

Meitzen and Regan contributed to a discussion of the dredging work in Matagorda Bay Ship Channel. They expressed concern about the environmental impact of the dredging.

A general discussion involved "lost" Civil War graves on Magnolia Beach and elsewhere.

The Chair noted that the Distinguished Service Award was given to the Commission at a meeting of the County Commissioners.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.