

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 11, 2019 MEETING

The meeting was held at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan St., Port Lavaca, Texas. It was called to order by Chair, Robert Loflin, at 6:30 PM.

The Invocation was by John Meitzen.

The Pledges of Allegiance were led by Robert Loflin.

The April 9, 2019 Minutes were approved and accepted as posted.

The Treasurer's Report was approved and accepted as posted.

Consider/Take Necessary Action on THC Correspondence

There was no commission correspondence at this time, but an announcement was made by Chair Robert Loflin of the passing of CCHC member, Nelson Marek, on June 3, 2019. There will be a memorial service on July 9, 2019 at the Salem-Lutheran Church in Port Lavaca. A visitation will be the evening of July 8 from 5 to 7 PM at the Salem-Lutheran Church in Port Lavaca.

Consider/Take Necessary Action on the Cemetery Committee Report

Per John Kassner:

John reported that on April 27, 2019, he and Jody Brett cleaned up the Clark Cemetery and got it looking good.

Consider/Take Necessary Action on the Marker Committee Report

A. Chocolate Community Marker-Per Mary Belle Meitzen:

Mary Belle has been able to come up with information on:

1. St. Paul's on the Prairie Episcopal Church
2. The Chocolate School

She is now working on research on the families that lived along Chocolate Creek: When they purchased their land, who from, and why did they purchase there.

B. Springs of Calhoun County Marker-Per Gary Ralston:

Gary is still working on this.

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Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business

A. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse-Per Robert Loflin:

1. Robert was able to find replacement bulbs for the light, and they have been installed and the light is working.
2. The door that grants access to the catwalk on top of the lighthouse has rotted out, and is in the process of being replaced at this time.
3. The Amateur Radio Club group has requested the use of the lighthouse for their annual event, and that request has been granted.
4. The Amateur Radio Club donated a new guest book for the lighthouse, and Robert is asking the commission members to be on the lookout for a suitable desk or table to place this new guest book on.
5. The paint is peeling off the inside walls of the three downstairs rooms of the lighthouse, and these old layers of paint are going to need to be stripped off. Per Robert, this is an issue that is being addressed at this time.
6. Robert visited with city manager, Bill DiLibero, and he says the city is interested in helping with work on the lighthouse.
7. Per Jan Regan: The Amateur Radio Club also has offered to help with any physical labor that may need to be done on the lighthouse.

Consider Take Necessary Action Commission Input

1. Per Robert Loflin: The Admiral Nimitz Museum is in the process of returning an 1800s' era grave stone, possibly from the Indianola Cemetery, to the County of Calhoun. George Anne Cormier of the Calhoun County Museum is in the process of trying to determine who the stone originally belonged to.
2. David Hall is in the process of restoring the Indianola historical plaques at Indianola.

Adjournment

Chair Robert Loflin adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.