

## CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

JULY 13, 2021

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met July 13, 2021, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 P.M. Quorum was met. In attendance were Robert Loflin, Mary Belle Meitzen, John Meitzen, Gary Ralston, John Kassner, Steve Koch, Wesley Abraham, Sue Traylor, Linda Munro and guest Frank Condron.

Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Robert Loflin. Invocation was given by John Meitzen. The Pledges of Allegiance were recited. Guest Frank Condron was welcomed. Minutes of June 8, 2021 were checked by Gary Ralston and approved as posted. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported no new expenditures for the month. Report accepted as posted.

THC Correspondence included Continuing Ed with Marker Webinars, including Undertold and Marker Chair. Chairman Loflin explained Undertold Marker. The Commission reviewed and added additional addresses to the THC Historic Architectural Survey. Wesley Abraham was asked to submit Olivia addresses. Cemeteries and Associations were suggested for the THC Harvey Cemetery Workshop. John Kassner reported no cemetery action.

Marker Chair Gary Ralston reported Chocolate Community Marker was at the foundry. The Matagorda Lighthouse and Louis A Andry marker applications would be considered by THC on July 27, 2021. The Olivia Cemetery Marker was in the replacement process.

Old business did not require action. The conservator for the Margaret Clement head stone and George Heckthorn stone has not responded. No reply has been obtained from Rockport's conservator. Wesley Abraham reported interviewing several people for an Olivia Silhouette. Ideas included: Empress Sailing Ship, 3 Cotton Gins, WWII Lookout towers. Community majority wanted the Empress Sailing ship which brought food, medical supplies, transportation to the community. Gary Ralston explained a 10X20 sheet could hold 3 or 4 cut outs. Photos need to be obtained.

New Business featured Steward Frank Condron who explained the THC Archaeological Steward Program. Stewards are trained volunteers in the home area who follow the THC Law to preserve archeological resources in Texas and educate the public. In Calhoun County sites are located close to water, fresh or salt. Stewards record sites which become protected designations belonging to the land owner. Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Loflin. Next meeting will be August 10, 2021.