

CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
June 8, 2021

The Calhoun County Historical Commission met June 8, 2021, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 W. Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 p.m. Quorum was met. In attendance was: Robert Loflin, John Kassner, John Meitzen, Mary Meitzen, Barbara Williams, Steve Koch, Larry Nichols, Dana Nichols, Sue Traylor, Jan Regan, John Foester, Gary Ralston, and Jody Brett.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Loflin. Invocation was given by John Meitzen. The Pledges of Allegiance were recited. Minutes of May 11, 2021 were approved as posted. Gary Ralston, Treasurer, reported one expenditure of \$1,250.00 for the Olivia Marker Replacement. Report accepted.

There was no THC Correspondence. John Kassner reported no Cemetery action. Marker Chair Gary Ralston reported Chocolate Community Marker final inscription was approved and mailed to THC. The Matagorda Lighthouse (21CL01) and the Louis Antoine Andry (21CL02) marker stories were accepted as complete by the Texas Historical Commission. The Olivia Cemetery Marker Replacement was ordered. Notification of selected markers for 2021 will be made following the July 27 THC Quarterly Meeting.

Old Business did not require action. The conservator for the Margaret Clement head stone and the George Heckthorn stone has not responded. The Port O'Connor Silhouette has been installed by Brent Hart. County Commissioner Gary Reese will install base material around the silhouette. Chairman Loflin met with Larry Nichols to discuss a Matagorda Light House Tour. Loflin and Brent Hart will meet with the Port O'Connor Chamber of Commerce, June 14, to discuss tour prospects.

New Business included report from John Foester and Robert Loflin on Green Lake Park Master Plan 2021 Stakeholders tour June 3,2021. Commission discussed responsibilities for Native American and Civil War preservation sites along with Indianola inland trail. John Foester appointed to write comments to the Calhoun County Parks Board. Frank Condron, area archaeological steward, reported, May 21,2021, " it sounds like the proposal will be minimally intrusive." The 175th Calhoun County Anniversary Proclamation, April 4, 1846, will be completed by Loflin.

Commission Input included Sue Traylor suggesting youth groups to clean cemetery tombstones. John Foester, Gary Ralston, John Kassner volunteered to help her lift family stone. Barbara Williams reported Juneteenth Celebration being organized by Bobby Barefield. Jan Regan invited members to view the Smith Medal of Honor Cenotaph. Larry Nichols suggested short local historical tours. Tour Committee headed by Nichols includes: Mary Meitzen, Sue Traylor, Jan Regan, John Foester, Dana Nichols. Wesley Abraham will be contacted for Olivia silhouette ideas.

Loflin remembered former Commission Members Woody Guidry and Rose Pena. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Loflin. Next meeting will be July 13,2021 due to business.