

**Calhoun County Historical Commission
Minutes October 14,2025**

Calhoun County Historical Commission met October 14,2025, at the Calhoun County Library, 200 West Mahan, Port Lavaca, Calhoun, Texas at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Larry Nichols presided and gave the Call to Order, Invocation, Pledges of Allegiance. Members and guests introduced themselves. Members attending included: John Foester, Mary Belle Meitzen, Jan Regan, Dana Nichols, Gary Ralston, John Kassner, Jody Weaver, Kieth Hubbard, Steve Koch, Sue Traylor and Larry Nichols. Guests included William Bozic, Adam Vickery, and Kelley Vickery. Quorum present.

Secretary Mary Belle Meitzen presented the September 9,2025, which were corrected to read Seadrift Sign financed half by CCHC and private donor. Jan Regan moved corrected minutes approved, seconded by John Foester, motion carried. Treasurer Gary Ralston reported Capital Outlay closed out. Total Accounts \$68,689.11, Miscellaneous \$1,304.37. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Steve Koch, seconded by Kieth Hubbard, and approved. THC required no action.

Cemetery Chair Kieth Hubbard reported obtaining permission for tombstones to be cleaned at Port Lavaca Cemetery. Sue Traylor, Gwen and Shannon Salyer are cleaning tombstones. Gate repair at Indianola Cemetery. Motion to replace Ranger Cemetery signs at \$80.00 cost made by Mary Belle Meitzen, second by John Kassner, carried. Gary Ralston moved Angelina Everly Marker be transferred to Old Town Cemetery from Highway 316 due to construction. Second by Jan Regan, motion carried. Transfer Marker permit will be completed by John Foester. Gary Ralston reported receiving pedestals from the new mold for Unmarked Graves.

Marker Chair John Foester reported meeting with TxDot on October 14 ,2025 to select site for Clark Station Marker. He traveled to San Antonio to meet with William Bozic to finalize paper for 2nd Regiment of Engineers Corps D' Afrique, which was submitted and already received by the THC Undertold Marker site. William Bozic explained "The Great Drowning" marker story which will be presented next. Steve Koch reported dedication of the LaSalle Monument National Register of Historic Places Plaque on September 13,2025, had forty-six registered with nine towns represented.

Chairman Nichols updated 2025 Goals and reported Off Site Storage insurance issue resolved. Jan moved CCHC spend \$300.00 towards Seadrift Sign, Established 1848, Incorporated 1912, with \$300.00 donation for total \$600.00, seconded by John Foester and approved. Sue Traylor reported Thomas Fisher had reported not interested in receiving Indigenous Peoples canoe but still needs to contact Steve Fisher. Jan Regan gave a museum report. "In 2000 Judge Arlene Marshall had requested her to investigate a new stand-alone museum site which would face the water. Around 2002-2004 Port Lavaca City Council approved a 12,000 footprint with 100-year lease by Bauer Community Center parking lot. Louise Bauer approved. Received \$10,000.00 donation. Core sample drill costs \$2,000.00, architect design with concept and plans took up the additional money." No action required.

Jody Weaver gave 2025 Port Lavaca Cemetery Tour update for November 1-2 at 6:45 p.m. with matinee performance on November 2 at 2 p.m. Actors included Juliet Fretwell by Betty Birdwell, Grace Bierman by Katie Moody, Sheriff James Flukerson by Bobby Vickery, Howard Hartzog by Ronnie Best, and Edward Edgar by Steve Bales. Committee members signed up to help.

Gary Ralston reported Olivia Silhouette anticipated completion by end of school year. Jody Weaver reported Half Moon Reef Lighthouse ADAH ramp completed. Derrick Smith is obtaining quote for window frames and door. Cuellar family will be completing Christmas decorations. Jody Weaver reported Threads of Calhoun Thursday included George Washington Adams and Augustus Carl Buchel. Tombstone Tuesday