

## McLennan County Historical Commission

### Minutes for May 18, 2019

*Proof of posting* was established in accordance with the Government Code, Chapter 551 (known as the Open Meetings Act), and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Brittain.

**A Quorum** was established with the following members present: Watson Arnold, Charles Barrow, George Bird, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, John Kamenec, Jacquelyn Lipski, Clint Lynch, Connie Mayfield, Sean Sutcliffe, Greta Watson, Shirley Woodlock.

**Meeting was opened** by Ken Brittain who officially called the meeting to order at 9:15.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** of April 20, 2019 were approved with a motion by George Bird and seconded by Clint Lynch. The motion passed.

**The Treasurer's report** was presented by Jacquelyn Lipski with no changes from prior month and approved with a motion made by Clint Lynch and seconded by Byron Johnson. Copy is attached. Comments were made by Byron Johnson regarding the need to adhere to state and county guidelines regarding purchasing services, receiving bids and regarding vendors for services.

#### **Agenda Items included the following:**

- **Update on Torrey Trading Post Kiosk.** Ken Brittain reviewed the attempt to purchase land for a kiosk. As part of the discussion with land-owner, mention was made of reviewing procedure for a historical marker for the old school house located on the property. Brittain awaiting results of land-owner review with his committee.
- **Video of Most Interesting Marker Sites.** Brittain has named a Task Force but Byron Johnson asked to be removed as Chair and made a member at large. No chairman was named. All committee members were asked to create lists of sites they considered most interesting so Task Force can narrow down to manageable number. Charles Barrow recommended committee be certain to review all sites in a manner sensitive to ethnic groups.
- **Gildersleeve Lecture Comments.** Charles Barrow reported that the event was well attended and was enhanced by photographs and an original camera used by Gildersleeve available for visitors. Clint Lynch emphasized the importance of the Historical Commission continuing to co-host and support Waco Foundation and other organizations in Waco to maintain a positive profile.
- **County School History Project.** Connie Mayfield reported that there are five (5) lessons currently available and in use via Region X11 and that five (5) more will be completed this summer and available next fall. The Chairman of the Project will update the Commission at a later date.
- **New Member Badges.** Ken Brittain asked each new member (2 of 4) present to give him name as it should appear on the badge.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Medallion - Sean Sutcliffe.** Owners of the Morrow House on 19<sup>th</sup> and Morrow St. picked up the approved medallion and will determine date and arrangements for ceremony to celebrate.

**Project Committees – Watson Arnold.** Mr. Watson requested a list of the places of significance in the county that do not currently have markers, either because they are not yet approved or have not been nominated. He further commented that McGregor will be having a celebration of the beginning of the Grange to mark its significance sometime in the future

**Marker Committee – Clint Lynch.** Patron has requested marker for female pioneer McCall buried in First Street (1<sup>st</sup>) Cemetery. Location does not permit marker to be placed there. Committee members advised the cul-de-sac be considered at the riverside old railroad right-of-way. There is already a marker there for Harrison that could not be placed inside Cemetery. Regarding another request for a house in the Magnolia area, Mr. Lynch emphasized procedure and requirements to individual requesting consideration. Currently frame house is boarded and in complete disrepair.

**Texas Treasures – Connie Mayfield.** Lamplighter has postponed its celebration of its marker until later in the summer. More information to follow.

**New Business:**

Sean Sutcliffe suggested Commission may want to consider purchasing yard sign to put out at locations where the Commission is assisting or co-funding the event to keep the profile higher. Also, Mr. Lynch recalled that the Commission had agreed to have an information table at any event where our presence is official in nature.

**Announcements:** None

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:**

- **Task Force ideas to be presented by members**
- **Task Force chairman needed**
- **Video Project ideas to be submitted by members**
- **Byron Johnson to present information on the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Texas Rangers as the oldest law enforcement agency.**

**Adjournment:** Next meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June at the Oakwood Cemetery Board Room **(June 15, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.)** Move to adjourn made by Clint Lynch, seconded by Greta Watson. Approved by all.

**Submitted by Jacquelyn Lipski, Treasurer and acting Secretary**