

McLennan County Historical Commission

Minutes for June 15, 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 Vice Chairman Clint Lynch.

A **Quorum** was established with the following members present: George Bird, Thomas DeShong, Robert Gamboa, John Kamenec, Walter Lavender, Clint Lynch, Dinah Mills, Sean Sutcliffe, Greta Watson, and Shirley Woodlock.

Meeting was opened by Clint Lynch who officially called the meeting to order at 9:02.

Minutes of the previous meeting of May 18, 2019 were not approved. A motion was made by Greta Watson and seconded by John Kamenec to postpone approval of the minutes until further review.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Clint Lynch and approved with a motion by Shirley Woodlock and seconded by George Bird. The motion passed.

A **motion** was made by George Bird and seconded by Shirley Woodlock to add to the agenda and approve the annual budget. Clint Lynch and Dinah Mills briefly answered questions about the Texas Treasure Awards. Shirley Woodlock made a motion, seconded by John Kamenec, to approve the annual budget. The motion passed.

Agenda items included the following:

- **Update on Torrey Trading Post Kiosk:** Clint Lynch updated the commission on the kiosk. The church is willing to sell the property but is seeking a formal proposal from the purchasing individual. A motion was made by Sean Sutcliffe and seconded by Walter Lavender to direct the issue to the Budget & Finance Committee for further research concerning the county's bidding process, what permits would be required, what restrictions would be enforced by TX DOT, and whether the original 1936 contract for the historical marker could be located. The motion passed.
- **Vote on Thomas DeShong as Secretary:** Clint Lynch called for a vote on Thomas DeShong as Secretary of the commission. A motion was made by Walter Lavender and seconded by Shirley Woodlock. The motion passed.
- **Video of Most Interesting Marker Sites:** While the significance of the project was affirmed, a motion was made by Greta Watson and seconded by Shirley Woodlock to table this project until further notice. Clint Lynch stated this project needs to reflect the appeal and diversity of McLennan County's history. Greta Watson mentioned that a documentary was being filmed on the feed store in Mart this July and will bring insights and feedback to the commission.
- **County School History Project:** Connie Mayfield was not in attendance, but Shirley Woodlock has gathered information on the Frost School and sees potential for a medallion or historical marker. She will update the commission at a future meeting.
- **Task Force Ideas:** A motion was made by Walter Lavender and seconded by Greta Watson to table discussion for a later date.

Committee Reports:

Projects Committee-Watson Arnold: Watson Arnold was not in attendance. No report given.

Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe: Sean Sutcliffe stated there was nothing new to report.

Marker Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint Lynch mentioned there are several potential sites for markers including the gravesite of a female pioneer named McCall. There are concerns, however, over the placement of a marker due to digging restrictions at First Street Cemetery. The Texas Museum of Theatre and Broadcast in McGregor is another possibility. Lynch will be meeting with representatives on Saturday, June 15. A third option is a lot behind Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Funeral Home which used to serve as a fire station and dance hall. Lynch also reported the foundry that produces historical markers has closed; it may be some time before a new contract is in place.

Website Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint Lynch asked members to review the website for potential edits. Dinah Mills proposed the commission look into developing a social media presence. Shirley Woodlock suggested adding questionnaires to the website.

Texas Treasures Awards-Dinah Mills: Dinah Mills reported that four certificates are in process with as many as ten potential candidates in waiting. Mills asked members to think about ways to promote the award county-wide.

New Business: None

Announcements: Clint Lynch announced that the commission may be meeting at the Dr. Pepper Museum on July 20 for the monthly meeting. President and CEO Chris Dyer could present on changes at the museum and may provide a tour of the facility.

Requests for Future Agenda Items:

- **Shirley Woodlock will give an update on Frost School.**
- **Website Committee is seeking edits and suggestions from commission members.**
- **Clint Lynch mentioned the Harrison School Marker may need to be replaced.**

Adjournment: The next meeting will be held on the third Saturday in July, possibly at the Dr. Pepper Museum (**July 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.**) A move to adjourn was made by Walter Lavender and seconded by Greta Watson at 10:03. All in approval.

Submitted by Thomas A. DeShong, Secretary