HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 12th 2015

Members Present: Jennifer Larned, Jean Birmingham, Barbara Judkins, Marty Vaughan, Thomas Richardson, Bill Sullivan, Robert Wood, Ann Brannon, and Tom Speir.

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Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Jean Birmingham moved to accept, Marty Vaughan 2nd. The minutes were accepted by the commissioners.

I. Call to Order

Jennifer Larned, chair, called the meeting to order on Thursday, February 12th 2015 at 1:33 p.m. at the Marshall Visual Arts Center.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 8th were approved as distributed.

III. Treasurer's Report

No report.

IV. The standing committee reports are as follows:

IV. A. Archaeology

Tom Speir reported that Rex Brown thinks Trammel's Trace runs through his property. Tom and a group of people will investigate on February 21st.

Tom went to Timber Hill in Marion County to look around with metal detectors. He has confirmed that the area needs a more thorough study. The property contains several 100 acres and was the last Caddo Village in Texas before they were moved to the reservation.

The annual East Texas Archeological Conference will be in Tyler on February 14th. The findings from the Timber Hill investigation will be presented at the conference including historic items such as transferware sherds and square nails.

The Historical Commission will be purchasing a membership in the Texas Archeological Society. Tom submitted the invoice and other membership information.

Tom reported that the remains of some Civil War era submarines may have been found near Shreveport. It is assumed these submarines are Confederate due to their location.

B. Archives

No report.

C. Cemeteries

Thomas Richardson reported that the Kimberling Cemetery has been located. The fence is in poor condition. Thomas has spoken to some descendants that plan to take over care and

maintenance of the cemetery.

The Clark Cemetery still needs to be located and recorded.

The Coldwater Cemetery has been located but needs to be recorded.

D. Education

Tom Speir will participate in Historic Sites Free Day at the Starr Family Home. Other groups will also participate and tours of the site are free to all guests.

The T&P Depot, Harrison County Historical Museum, Starr Family Home and Michelson Museum will host students from Robert E. Lee Elementary for a school tour on April 21st.

E. Historical Markers

Jennifer reported that the marker for Pemberton High School has been received. The commission is still waiting on the markers for Mr. Tolson and Dogan at Wiley. The Piney Cemetery marker has been received but no dedication date has been set.

F. History Museum

Jean Birmingham reported that museum is working on raising matching funds for their grant. They would like to have raised the money by June 1st.

The premier of the Buard Trail film was presented at Wiley College on February 5th with hundreds of people attending. Jean Brimingham was mistress of ceremonies with the Wiley College choir providing entertainment.

G. Oral History

No report.

H. Preservation

Jennifer reported that the project to save and renovate the Harrison County Airport Terminal is moving slowly. It has been determined that the terminal is not located within the city limits of Marshall. Ralph Newlan will submit a letter asking to be the consulting party for the project. He will probably be appointed to the commission after the project is completed.

I. Publications

No report.

J. Tourism

No report.

K. Goals

No report.

L. Annual Preservation Awards

Jennifer reported that the Preservation Awards will be presented on May 17th in the Courtroom at the Harrison County Historical Museum. The committee is currently accepting applications for the awards.

V. Special Reports

A. 1901 Courthouse
No report.

B. Depot

Robert Wood reported that renovation work is currently underway at the Depot on the roof and other parts of the building. The Depot has obtained new display cases for exhibits. Amtrak may do some renovation work on the ticket area. No date for the work has been set. The 3rd edition of the Depot's newsletter will be coming out around the first week of March.

C. Starr Home

Barbara Judkins reported that small family-friendly programs are being planned throughout the year at the site.

The South Lot, 2-acres across the street from Maplecroft, will be landscaped during the spring. The first phase includes the planting of over 20 trees.

D. Michelson Museum of Art
No report.

E. Historic Designation of Downtown Marshall
No report.

F. Historic Landmark Preservation Board
No report.

VI. Other

Marty Vaughn called attention to the television show, "The Bucket List," filmed at the T.C. Lindsey and Co. General Store. She did not have an air date but will keep the commission informed.

VII. Adjournment

The next meeting will be March 12th 2015. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Magrill
From notes by Barbara Judkins