

HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 9th 2017

The Harrison County Historical Commission (HCHC) is the county agency in Harrison County, Texas for historic preservation. Its mission is to assist the commissioners' court and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in the preservation of our county's historical and cultural resources and to protect and preserve the county's historic and pre-historic resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future generations.

Members Present: Tom Speir, Richard Magrill, Rose Mary Magrill, Ann Brannon, Barbara Judkins, Marty Vaughan, Jean Birmingham, Gail K. Beal, Robert Wood, and Becky Palmer.

Visitor Present: None.

Call to Order

Tom Speir, chair, called the meeting to order on February 9th 2017 at 1:31 p.m. in the conference room of the Marshall Depot Museum and welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of January 12th 2017 were approved as distributed.

III. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Elizabeth Bradshaw, Tom Speir reported on the Friends of the Harrison County Historical Commission accounts. The statements showed the following:

Brokerage account	\$ 5,520.28
Certificate of deposit	3,300.00
Certificate of deposit	7,075.12
Greenwood Cemetery Fund	13,423.36
Friends of the HCHC Fund	4,191.61

Tom also reported that we have spent \$693 of the \$3,000 included in the county budget for the new fiscal year running from October 2016 to September of 2017, leaving a balance of \$2,307.

IV. The standing committee reports are as follows:

A. Archaeology

Tom Speir reported that he had located the site of Stricklin Springs and that it has been recorded as 41HS1014. The 24th East Texas Archeology Conference is scheduled for April 29th at the University of Texas at Tyler. The agenda of the meeting was briefly reviewed. Tom presented a list of Harrison County and environs archeology publications available from the Friends of Northeast Texas Archeology which were approved for purchase in the amount of \$65 plus shipping and handling as follows:

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 13 (2000)

“The Caddoan Ceramics from Grays Pasture Site (41HS524), Harrison County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla, with contributions from Bo Nelson and Mike Turner;

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 26 (2007)

“Recent Research on the Archeological and Historical Evidence of the Hasinai,” Paul Shawn Marceaux;

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 27 (2008)

“A Probable Early 19th Century Coushatta Village Site on Big Cypress Bayou in Northeast Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla and Brian E. Boyd;

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 28 (2008)

“The Pine Tree Mound Site and the Entrada of the Hernando DeSoto Expedition of 1542,” Ross C. Fields;

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 32 (2010)

“Archeological Investigations Along James Bayou in Marion County, Texas and Caddo Parish, Louisiana,” Timothy K. Pertulla and Bo Nelson with contributions by Claude McCrocklin;

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 44 (2014)

“A Whole Vessel from the Henry Brown #2 Site (41HS262), a Historic Nadaco Caddo Site in Harrison County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla and Bo Nelson;

“Glade Creek at Oil Lease Grave Site, Gregg County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla;

“The Millsey Williamson (41RK3), Bead Burial, and L.N. Morwell Farm Sites on Martin Creek: Historic Caddo Settlements along Trammels Trace, Rusk County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla and Bo Nelson;

“Caddo Ceramic Vessels from the Mrs. Martin Farm, Harrison County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla and Bo Nelson; and

Journal of Northeast Texas Archeology No. 45 (2014)

“The Ceramic Sherd Assemblage from Boatstone Site in Gregg County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla;

“A Woodland Period Ceramic Assemblage from Rabbit Creek in the Sabine River Basin, Gregg County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla;

“Caddo Ceramic Vessels from the Sipes Hill Site (41RK602) along Martin Creek in the Sabine River Basin in East Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla, Robert Z. Selden, Jr., and Bo Nelson;

“Archeological Investigations at the Wade (C-38) and Estes (GC-49) Sites in the Sabine River Basin, Gregg County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla, Robert Z. Selden, Jr., and Bo Nelson;

“Caddo Ceramic Vessels from the Loftis and Pearl Smith Sites in Harrison County, Texas,” Timothy K. Pertulla and Bo Nelson.

Barbara Judkins reported that the Starr Home will sponsor a lecturer for Texas Archeology Month this fall. The subject will be related to the Caddo Indians.

B. Archives

Tom Speir reported that Tony Crosby came by the office on January 21st and helped with filing in the archives.

C. Cemeteries

Tom Speir distributed a report from Bill Whitis regarding his work on cemeteries. The report and was reviewed and is given below:

FEBRUARY 2017 CEMETERY REPORT
BY BILL T. WHITIS
*The following is an account of actions recorded
since the previous meeting.*

With my current Findagrave phone app, as all new individual burials/markers are photographed, GPS coordinates are added to help find them in the future. I do also try to add individual GPS coordinates to already documented burials as I walk the rows of each cemetery.

After our last meeting on January 12th I visited Woodlawn Cemetery. A new section to the north has been cleared for additional space. The area was previously separated by a large line of trees and brush but three burials had already occurred in this area. A line of burials in the back area of the cemetery previously only marked by rocks and unreadable temporary markers has also had new headstones installed for the family of James and Gertie Moore with dates starting around the 1930s. Thirteen new names were added to the list of burials here, and 21 new markers were photographed.

On Saturday, January 14th, I surveyed cemeteries along the FM43 corridor heading south towards Tatum.

Oakhill Cemetery is surrounded by pine trees and there is always a heavy covering of needles that are blown over different areas making it sometimes difficult to survey. They have had a fairly recent cleanup and ten new names were added to the online record and seventeen new markers were photographed.

Grange Hall Cemetery has had new large pre-need white stone markers placed for the Prendergast daughters in the Blalock section by the pavilion, but I have not added them to the online record as they are still living. Thirteen new markers were photographed.

Blalock-Munden Cemetery has had no changes and is still well kept. I have been told there is a slave cemetery north of here near the Blalock's old lake house property, but that is still being investigated.

At Canaan Cemetery, I added four new names on the online database and photographed seventeen new markers. A tree fell in one corner some time back and weeds had grown up around it, covering many burials. The tree has been removed with most of the overgrown weeds and stickers; it appears more markers are inside the remaining brush and more names will be able to be added after some additional cleanup. An online user has recently added five new names to Canaan Cemetery based on death certificate information; I was unable to locate those burials, but there are many unmarked/unnamed burials here. It should be noted that an older Canaan Cemetery was once in use across the highway near this location and I have been invited by Tom Speir to help investigate that area in hopes of finding that site as more data is gathered and as time allows.

Champion Cemetery, located at the end of Darco Road, has had its fence removed. The surrounding land is owned by Cabot/Norit, so I am hoping they made a survey of the fence and cemetery boundaries to use before they begin doing any digging around there. I am assuming they probably own the land in a similar fashion like Snider Lumber owns the land for Love Cemetery and Haley Cemetery in the Scottsville area. We also had an online inquiry from a possible relative that the cemetery may

be underwater, as of about two weeks after my visit, but it has not been confirmed that the area floods to that level. The cemetery is higher than road level and has a drainage ditch dug out along the road on its southern border.

Rock Springs Cemetery south of Marshall (not the one between Scottsville and Yates cemeteries) located roughly southeast across the highway and overpass from Cave Springs Cemetery has had the previous entry road leading into it removed and a new connection made from an older road just to the south. Where the old cemetery road still exists beyond the connection, the entrance was blocked by water pooling in a low spot and a small pond had begun forming. I will attempt to enter again after we have a period of drier weather.

I walked the rows at Cave Springs Cemetery and added two new names and photographed their markers.

Also on the 14th, I was able to gain access to a cemetery located just beyond the end of Fisher Drive in Marshall. Several of the markers have been damaged, but two were left intact – a headstone reading J.M. Jackson and a foot stone reading Daughter. J.M. has been identified as John Martin Jackson, so I have submitted the name of this cemetery to the Texas Historical Commission as Jackson Cemetery. Three of his children have been identified using Ancestry.com including one buried in Harleton, and his wife's burial has been identified in Wood County. Eight other children have been linked to this marriage, and I have been contacted by a third great grandson who I located in Tyler – he is working with me to help link the remaining family members to the online record and has expressed an interest in contacting the property owner and keeping up and fencing the cemetery.

I took a trip outside Harrison County while I was traveling south along FM43 surveying our cemeteries toward Tatum to document a few cemeteries in Rusk County that I had seen online that had very little documentation. I sometimes do this to help spread a little goodwill to historians and genealogists in neighboring counties in hopes that they may at some point have information to share with us about the families in our own county and potentially to bring them to our community as a form of tourism.

At Friendship Memorial Gardens, south of Tatum at the corner of FM43 and County Road 2183, seven new names and 59 new marker photos were recorded to the Findagrave website.

Martin Cemetery is on FM3231, south of Tatum, Texas on the northeast edge of Martin Creek Lake. This cemetery has a link to Harrison County and I felt it was worthy of visiting. It is the family cemetery of Isabel Martin Lewis a former Marshall ISD and Harleton ISD teacher, who is the wife of Steve Lewis of Lewis Engineering. Seven new

names were added, and sixteen new markers were photographed. It should also be noted that another cemetery was beautifully recorded, moved, and the burials re-interred here in 1985. This "Grant Cemetery" appears to have originally been started in Beckville but is now located in a corner of Martin Cemetery. It is an interesting feature that I had not ever seen before. I have not heard from Mrs. Lewis about how or why it was moved, but Martin Cemetery is a wonderfully kept cemetery should anyone want to visit.

Vinson Cemetery is located at Tatum, Texas. I went to document this cemetery because I thought it was a small cemetery with only forty interments but I was able to add 96 new burials and photograph 106 markers of persons interred there from the 1800s to the 2000s.

I took a trip to the T.C. Lindsey General Store in Jonesville on Saturday, January 28th to buy some hoop cheese that they advertised on Facebook. The cheese is great, and Marty Vaughan showed me a history of the store that is wonderfully documented from a old film of the time and has been transferred to DVD. It gives a picture of Harrison County life when cotton was an important crop here. While there, Marty called a friend who showed us a small cemetery on her property of two back Confederate soldiers who were wounded in the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana. They retreated to try to heal their wounds but perished on the property; the current land owner believes she has more information that was handed down to her from a previous property owner and may include the name of one of the men. That information was not available at the time of our visit and hopefully will be found soon.

Marty was also instrumental in working before that afternoon in helping to find the burial site of Martha Jane Waskom, the second wife of John M. Waskom. (John M. is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Jefferson with his third wife.) He is the man for whom the Powell Town community was renamed to Waskom Station when he helped bring the railroad through the community; he was married to Martha during that period. Marty showed me the location of Martha Waskom's burial on Saturday February 4th. The site is near I-20 and FM9 on the south side access road in an industrial business property. There are at least eight burials including Martha's second husband William C. Lary and their twin children one infant son and one daughter, Amy Catherine. This cemetery has been assumed to be named Waskom Cemetery, but the first known believed burial (by viewing the stone markers) is that of Theophilus Mushat, a four-year-old who died in 1836; but that marker may be a cenotaph as I found a record that he passed away in Alabama. I could find no link to the Lary or Waskom families to suggest why he would be buried there. The next oldest burial is that of the infant son of Martha and William Lary in 1849. One other burial of note here is that of Don Ray

Fairchild. He has an additional metal marker noting that he was a Tenderfoot with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 16 in Waskom. He was a newsboy who perished from a skull fracture. He was not interred here by an undertaker or funeral home, but rather by his parents, H.G. Fairchild and Ada A. Williams.

Also on February 4th, I made another call to Charles Trice to photograph the cemetery located on his property. The cemetery is visible from the road and is located at the southeast corner of FM9 and FM1998 several yards south of an orange cell tower; it is also visible from satellite photos, like Google Maps. Mr. Trice did not return my call, and I will continue to attempt contacting him from time to time.

From there I visited Lotta Memorial Gardens off FM9, which has recently added very nice brick pillar and metal fencing and a metal gate to this fairly new cemetery in the Leigh/Karnack area. There are currently only two burials there dating from 2014. I was met by a church member who says additional improvements will be made soon, including a path directly to the church across the field so funeral processions will not have to be made by leaving the church property and entering from a public entrance some distance down Lotta Road.

Also on the 4th at Old Border Cemetery in Jonesville, I documented six additional burials that were not noted in previous site investigations and photographed fourteen new markers.

At Dean Cemetery in Leigh off FM1998, I photographed one new headstone.

I visited Elizabeth Cemetery north of there on FM9 and added one new name and photographed the marker. The property owner I had as contact for this cemetery, Willie T. Bradley, passed away in 2016 and is buried at Antioch Cemetery; I am uncertain about the future of this small seldom-used cemetery and have made inquiries about who may have inherited the property it is located on. Mr. Bradley had previously indicated that he was the last family member left who attended to this cemetery.

At Antioch Cemetery, ten new names have been added to the online record that were not documented before, and eleven new markers were photographed.

At Colonial Gardens, four new markers were photographed. One marker was photographed as a request from an online Ancestry.com user.

On the still-to-do list: Gail Beil had suggested to me that we generate a press release to gather information from the community for anyone who has a burial site on their property to contact us so we can get all these sites documented as archeological sites and get them on the state ATLAS. I have thought about it, and the notice should probably also

include a request for the property managers of all known cemeteries to also provide us with current contact information.

Tom Speir reported that the historical marker application for Temple Emmanuel-El Cemetery was approved, as was the marker for Ewing Chapel Cemetery (for which the marker fee has already been submitted). Rose Mary Magrill reported Ewing Chapel Cemetery now has a website (<http://www.ewingchapelcemetery.org>) that includes listings of burials and photographs of headstones as they were in 2011. Tom noted that the papers for the application for Elysian Fields Old Town Cemetery as a Texas Historic Cemetery have been found and will be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) this year. Ann Brannon has again talked to Meadowbrook Funeral Home about marker work at Greenwood Cemetery. Robert Wood reported that he had talked with Olivera(?) Heard about making application for a marker for the old Rosenwald School in the Woodlawn area about a mile west of the railroad tracks on FM1997. The marker could be for the church, cemetery, and store as well as for the school. Mr. Heard told him they might want to make application for marker.

Barbara Judkins reported on the work that she and Bill Whitis are doing toward the 2017 cemetery tours. Locations (cemeteries) are being considered in Greater Marshall (Greenwood, Marshall Hebrew, and McJohnson), Karnack/Leigh (Hope #2 at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge), Elysian Fields/Crossroads/South of I-20 (Ewing Chapel), Harleton (Smyrna), Hallsville/Longview Heights, and Scottsville/Jonesville/Waskom (Scottsville, Rock Springs, Yates). She emphasized that input from other commission members is wanted on possible cemeteries to include. Considerations in locations will involve ample and safe parking, safe and walkable terrain for visitors, permission, clean ups, contact information for each cemetery, and dates. There was lively discussion of possibilities, times, and logistics. Barbara and Bill will continue their work and report back.

D. Education

Tom Speir reported that the Historical Commission and the Marshall Independent School District (MISD) had a very successful revival of the History Fair in January. The AVID students from Marshall High School were helpful with the event. The *Marshall News Messenger* provided great coverage. Tom indicated that he had asked Sharon Dews to report, which she did as follows:

MARSHALL ISD HISTORY FAIR 2016-2017 REPORT
COMPILED BY SHARON DEWS

By the Numbers

- 143 – Number of MISD students involved in the History Fair process
(in the capacity of competitive participant, mentor or ambassador).
- 61 – Total projects judged.
- 11 – Number of judges supporting the fair participants.
- 9 – Number of MISD teachers actively involved in the History Fair process.
- 3 – Number of schools participating (Sam Houston Middle School, Price T. Young Middle School and Marshall High School).
- ??? – Families and community supporters who became involved and learned more about their community and local history.

Overall, the 2016-2017 Historical Commission History Fair was well-received by the community and most considered it a success and an experience worth repeating.

Plans/Proposals for 2017-2018

- Make the History Fair more inclusive by adding surrounding school districts within Harrison County.
- Focus on grades 6-8 to align with National History Day competition(s).
- Work to partner with the National History Day organization through the Texas State History Association (TSHA) to become a bi-district or regional competition to allow students more opportunity for advancement.
- Work with TSHA through the Junior Historian division to set up a chapter to also allow students more opportunity for advancement (Junior Historian competitions are open to students in grades 5-12).

Added Suggestions for 2017-2018

- Add tables to the competition area – no more than 3-4 projects per table.
 - Add more round tables to the display set up.
 - Confirm how big an exhibit can be; 3 or 4 per table?
- Project should not have visible student names – to make them more anonymous.
 - Each paper & exhibit will have the student's name, their school, and their teacher's name on it, prominently displayed *on the back*.

Have students provide multiple copies of the bibliography and process paper to facilitate judging process.

- Each project should have an extra copy of related paper which will be taken up by the Historical Commission (I didn't get any!).

Clarifying the averaging of judging scores.

- Only one column to place scores, then just add up one column.
- Review how we construct the score cards, and the judges training.

Have teachers/educators share some “project team” concepts such as planning, writing components. Also projects should address the question “Why should I care?” – “How did this person, place, or thing affect life then?” -- “How has life improved from this person, place or thing now?”

No family members can serve as judges.

Get simple blue and red ribbons to place on winning exhibits so everyone will know who won (in addition to the medallions presented to the winners).

Gather/cluster exhibits on the same topic together in the room for comparison.

Figure out a way to make the judges punctual.

- Lock the doors when judging begins.
- Place “Judges decisions are final” on the packets/fliers/etc.

It was noted that if we affiliate with the National History Day organization next year (2018) the student projects will focus on the theme selected by that organization. The state level event in Texas this year will be held Friday, April 28th to Saturday, April 29th and will probably be similarly timed in 2018. There will be much discussion by the History Fair Committee in regard to next year's event and working out dates. Tom Speir expressed particular appreciation to Becky Palmer, thanking her for going to the schools and providing History Fair seminars to participating students.

The winning entry at this year's event related to the old Paramount Theater in Marshall.

(The History Fair Committee is composed of Sharon Dews, Becky Palmer, Barbara Judkins, Elizabeth Bradshaw, and Gail Beil.)

E. Historical Markers

Tom Speir reported that we did well with regard to marker applications from 2016; we applied for seven and five were approved, i.e. those for Ewing Chapel Cemetery in southwest Harrison County, the Old Elks Building in Marshall, the former Bishop College in Marshall, the former Booker T. Washington School in Elysian Fields, and Temple Emmanuel Cemetery in Longview Heights. We did not succeed with the two markers for Hallsville on the old Hallsville Bank and Young's Mill Pond Springs. The THC indicated that there have been a surfeit of bank markers approved recently and also both applications lacked the minimum requirement of ten sources cited (we only had seven). Tom pointed out that we can enhance these applications and reapply this fall without any need for the sponsors of these two markers to cough up another \$100 for each.

Tom has found another Boy Scout, Logan Jamison-Hatch, who is willing to work on restoring some of the existing historical markers in the county. Tom will meet with him and do a practice run. (Logan had worked with Ty Weekley on his Eagle Scout project last year.) Ann Brannon asked that the Trinity Episcopal Church marker be put on the list for restoration.

Gail Beil reminded us that the ceremonies for the dedication of the James Farmer marker will be held on May 1st, and that Hank Thomas from Atlanta will be in Marshall to dedicate it and that he will speak the next day at Wiley College. She noted that he was 19 when got on the Freedom Rider bus that was set on fire in Anniston, Alabama a half century ago.

Tom noted that we are building a database for Stagecoach Trace. He will be happy to supply access to the table if you will check on the Trace markers in your area of the county and report their condition. He noted that we will probably need to replace all of them.

In terms of marker applications in process for submission this year we will plan to resubmit the applications for Young's Mill Pond Spring and the Old Hallsville Bank. In addition we hope to submit completed applications for the Old Cities Service Station building in Marshall, First Presbyterian Church in Waskom, and Oak Hill Baptist Church. Tom is still pursuing getting a marker for the Nadaco Caddo Homeland. This marker would be applied for in the "undertold story" category (which means that THC would fund the cost). Also in this category Tom plans to apply for a marker commemorating the journey of the Hernando Desoto Expedition through the county after Desoto's death as its trek continued under the

second in command. Still in the hands of Wiley College is the work on its two possible new markers in memory of Coach “Pop” Long and Dr. Lawrence Nixon.

F. History Museum

Gail Beil reminded us that Gary Pinkerton will be at the 1901 County Courthouse on the 18th for the signing of his book, *Trammel's Trace: The First Road to Texas from the North*, Texas A&M University Press, 2016.

It was noted that the time of this event conflicts with the meeting of the East Texas Historical Association at the Marshall Visual Arts Center where Marshall native, artist Don Brown, is the subject of the first paper.

Becky Palmer shared a brochure on “Digging into Your Roots,” a two-day genealogy workshop sponsored by the History Museum which will be held April 26th - 27th in the 1901 Court House. Jean Birmingham commented on the planning for this event: “Sounds like it’s going to be good!”

Becky also noted that the museum is almost out of brochures from other museums and historical venues in the county that are provided on the table at the entrance to the 1901 Courthouse. Tom Speir will seek to replenish the supply from his own inventory of the brochures.

G. Information Technology

Tom Speir noted that all our minutes continue to be provided on-line on the county website and are up-to-date. He passed around a printout from the website of iTour USA providing information regarding its ability to provide access to historic sites via the internet. Elizabeth Bradshaw had located this possibility and suggested we look into its services. She also commented that perhaps the City of Marshall might be willing to pay any costs through the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

H. Oral History

Tom Speir indicated that the tapes sent to Legacy Box for duplication are still lost.

I. Preservation

Tom Speir has created a spreadsheet to begin work on a countywide survey of buildings that should be preserved. He provided clarification about what is desired: the report asked for is not referencing typical county property surveys;

what is wanted is a cultural and historic resource survey for above-ground residential and commercial buildings, etc. that indicate significance as well as the physical condition of individual resources within a given area. Tom noted that we will be starting from scratch. He passed out maps of Harrison County secured from the Marshall Convention and Visitors Bureau which commission members can use if they wish to help with the survey. He has created on-line spread sheets to which they can add their findings.

Marty Vaughan noted that the City of Waskom has decided it will not proceed with the refurbishing of the two old downtown buildings because the cost is prohibitive. They will search for alternatives for the new community center.

J. Publications

Tom Speir was contacted by Susy Glover who has been asked by the *Marshall News Messenger* to write a story on the need for volunteers. He noted that the article was published in an insert near the end of January. Work continues on updating the book on the Registered Texas Historical Landmarks in the county.

K. Tourism

Tom noted that Carolyn Howard, director for Main Street, Tourism, and Downtown Economic Development, indicated that she could not come to this session due to conflicts with other meetings.

L. Goals

Tom Speir asked if anyone had any new goals to discuss emphasizing that 2017 is here and we need to come up with suggestions. There were none.

M. Annual Preservation Awards

Likewise, Tom Speir reported that we need to come up with nominees for the 2017 Preservation Awards, noting once again that the awards provide a fruitful means of getting people interested in the work of the Commission. We have to vote at our next meeting on who we want to receive them so that Tom can get the awards made. Ann Brannon said a meeting of the Awards Committee (Ann Brannon, Barbara Judkins, and Elizabeth Bradshaw) is planned. Robert Wood reported that he has a suggestion which he will get to the committee.

V. Special Reports

A. 1901 Courthouse

No report.

B. Texas & Pacific Depot Museum

Robert Wood reported business continues as usual at the Depot Museum. Progress continues with restoration efforts. Gail Beil reported that she has found the Texas & Pacific Railroad seal in an antiques shop in Jefferson and is looking for someone who will buy it for the Depot.

C. Starr Home

Barbara Judkins reported that we want to repeat the cemetery tour which was begun last year and presented a report on suggestions (see **C. Cemeteries above**, p. 8). It was also suggested that the tours not get too big. The list of possibilities (*above*) we can review all year. All have a voice in the process. Barbara will organize the tour(s) but will need everyone's input and she will chair the committee to plan the events. She should be here next month. Call her and talk.

The Starr Home, she noted, is working really hard!

D. Michelson Museum of Art

No report.

E. Historic Landmark Preservation Board (HLPB)

No report.

VI. Other

Nothing to report.

VII. Administrative

Mail. Tom Speir reported that our membership fee for the Texas Archeological Society has been sent in.

He noted that the Commission had received an invitation from East Texas Baptist University regarding honoring Commission Member Jean Birmingham as

the 2017 recipient of the Sam B. Hall Civic Service Award. This event is on the 28th of the month at 6 p.m. on the campus.

There was a letter from THC indicating that it did not agree to the mining operation's proposals relative to a permit to work closer to the Sabine Farms location which has a historical marker.

We have received the newsletter of the Texas Archeological Society and *Preservation Magazine* from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Tom has completed work on our annual report and submitted it to the County Commissioners Court for approval.

Invitations to Meetings. Tom noted that we currently invite the County Judge and the County Commissioners to our meetings each month. He will add the Mayors of Marshall, Hallsville, and Waskom to our monthly invitations.

Refreshments for History Fair Judges. Appreciation was expressed to Gail Beil for the delicious refreshments she provided for the judges at the History Fair.

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting will be March 9th of 2017 at the T&P Depot Museum at 1:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Magrill