



GRIMES COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 12, 2024, MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Waters at 6:02 PM.

Pledges to the United States and Texas flags were said.

The June minutes were accepted as written by a motion from Marilyn Bettes and seconded by John Maxwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer report attached.

Committee Updates:

No reports from Archives, Bylaws, Cemetery, GIS/ Mapping, High Speed Rail, Historic Schools, Metal Detecting, Veterans.

Events/ Marketing/ Media – Chairman Storey reports that we continue to participate in the Navasota Library’s Farmers Market. Kelly Hill asked about flyers for the Fall Festival and Chairman Waters reported that vendors are contacting her.

Historic Churches – Report attached.

Historic Markers – Chairman Wells reported that applications for two cemeteries and one home [in Navasota] were accepted and approved for markers by the THC.

Nominations – GCHC Chairman Waters reported that officer nominations for the next 2-year term will be accepted at the September meeting; elections are held in October.

Old Business:

Bogges Store – Preparations for moving are ongoing; needs new windows, door, and roof.

Fanthorp Inn –

- Re-enactor Debby McLaughlin reported in Chandler Wahrmond’s absence.
- Soft re-opening was held on August 10, 2024.
- Grand re-opening set for Saturday, October 5, including stagecoach rides.
- November 2 will be Rachel Fanthorp’s funeral at the inn.
- Twilight Firelight on December 14.

Steinhagen Log Cabin – Nothing to report.

Becker House – Nothing to report.

Storage for GCHC Archives – Chairman Waters reported that the archives were moved to the County Clerk’s storage at the Justice Center.

Fall Festival – October 5 date for the event and will be from 11-3.

Open Meetings Act – Chairman Waters took a count of those who have complied.

Radio Station History Briefs – Nothing to report.

St. Louis Cemetery Dedication – Well attended event with an article in the Navasota Examiner.

New Business:

Antique Log Cabin Restoration – Chairman Waters asked if anyone wanted to attend the event; no takers.

Next Regular Meeting: September 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Kathy Cave Wells, GCHC