

Burnet County Historical Commission Minutes

June 4, 2024

The Burnet County Historical Commission (BCHC) met in regular session June 4, 2024 at 1:00PM.

Those in attendance include:

Members:

Chairman-Rachel Bryson, Vice Chair-Polly Krenek, Treasurer-Carolyn Liles, Secretary-Terri Burger, Jane Knapik, Danielle Meredith, Mary Ellen Keith, Florence Reeves, Amanda Seim, Bob Kent, Lela Goar, Blair Manning, Doak Field, Tommye Potts

Prospective Members:

Julie Lewis, Nicole Ritchie, Nicole Westerhoff

Guests:

Suzanne Freeman of the Picayune

The meeting was called to order, opened with the pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

No Commissioners in attendance.

- Joppa Bridge, progress being made. Update provided by Rachel.

Burnet County Historical Jail

- Blair is currently overseeing the Jail and recommended a proposal on behalf of Commissioners that the BCHC participate in supporting tours on MWF 10:00am to 1:00pm and on Saturdays when the Hill Country Flyer is scheduled.
- Jail could be a BCHC hub for meetings and book sales
- The building is owned by the County so Blair will continue to oversee.
- BCHC would develop a volunteer bank and assist in tours. Historical Commissions work very closely with museum's across Texas.
- Would like to have BCHC involvement implemented by July.
- One concern not ADA compliant for meetings.
- Lela moved we go forward, working with County and Blair. Seconded by Mary Ellen. All in favor, motion carries.

Minutes from May 7 meeting approved as published.

Financial report

- Carolyn visited with Karen Smith, County Auditor regarding county monies provided annually to BCHC. Burnet County budgets \$600 per year for BCHC.

- County budget is October thru September. Monies must be spent by September or we lose it. We have not been using it.
- Funds can be used for education, mileage when traveling for training seminars, food for public events (ex. Marker Dedication), supplies, historical markers.

Texas Rangers/Texas Historical Markers-Tommye Potts
Tommye identified the Buchanan Dam marker approved in 2023.

CLG update-Lela Goar

- Stringtown Untold Marker approved last month
- Grant contract signed, received at the end of May, have three years to complete work on Stringtown.
- Progress has been made in identifying sources for information on descendants possibly in Stringtown.
- Lela's son will begin deed work when grant monies are received.
- Plan is to form Cemetery Association, would like to have descendants involved with the Association.
- Can't form Association until property deed is transferred.
- There could be as many as 70 graves, to date 26 graves have been identified.

Rachel was notified by the City of Burnet regarding a proposed waterline site. Notification requested review and identification of any historical sites at proposed work site. Map of historic sites in the city of Burnet shared with members, as well as the proposed project site. Recommended members check with Marble Falls and Bertram to understand what their process is for possible historic sites in work sites.

The Falls on the Colorado Museum

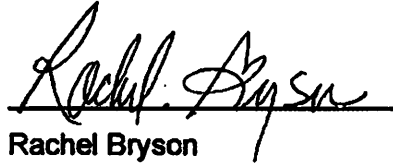
- The museum is raising funds to rehabilitate the historic building, specifically the 2nd floor.
- Windows need to be replaced with historical correct ones, being recreated in Lubbock.
- A motion was made by Jane to provide funds for replacing a window, cost of \$5,000. Carolyn seconded the motion. Members all in favor, motion approved. Funds will be used from the Ina Cooper Donation.

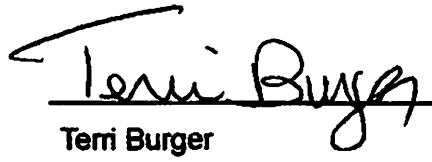
Crownover Church

- Danielle identified a need to replace wood floors, at a cost of \$7,000. Friends of Crownover Church was formed to oversee the church.
- Motion made by Carolyn to donate \$7,000 to the church for floor replacement. Florence seconded the motion. Members all in favor, motion approved. Funds will be used from the Darrell Debo Donation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Next meeting July 2, 2024 at 1:00 in The Falls on the Colorado Museum located at 2001 Broadway in Marble Falls.


Rachel Bryson


Terri Burger