

Minutes of the Hays County Historical Commission
January 30, 2025

Present: Anita Collins, Linda Coker, Nicholas Costilla, Anthony Davis, Grace Ann Fox, Robert Frizzell, Patrick “Hoot” Gibson, Ana Juarez, Lila Knight, Tim McHutchion, Joe Ramirez, Sally Ramirez,

Absent: Jim Herbert, Robert Rizo, Sarah Simmons (excused due to illness)

Guests: Jo Landon, Hazel Landon

Acting Chair, Linda Coker, called the meeting to order at 6:00 at the Kyle Railroad Depot and Heritage Center. Roll call established a quorum was present.

There were no citizens comments.

The meeting focused on training for the members of the HCHC. No action was taken during the meeting.

Jo Landon, former chair of the HCHC Cemetery Committee for the past ten years, gave a presentation on the Historic Cemetery Program of THC and its requirements. She also gave a review on the past year’s accomplishments.

Linda Coker passed out binders with information on the various programs. She discussed the organizational structure of the HCHC and reviewed the contents of the binder. As no chair has yet been appointed by the Commissioners Court, there has been no progress in appointing officers or committee chairs. The appointment of a chair might take place on the February 11th agenda of the Commissioners Court. She recommended everyone take the county historical commission webinar orientation on the Texas Historical Commission (THC) website.

Everyone was reminded that under State law, each member must take the Open Meetings training provided by the Attorney General’s Office and provide the certificate of completion to the HCHC.

Coker reviewed the THC historical marker program, its requirements, different types of markers and cost, and marker deadlines.

Hoot Gibson described the duties and responsibilities of the Depot Committee.

Coker discussed combining the former Black History Committee with the Tejano Committee. Once a chair is able to be appointed, the members of this committee can come up with an appropriate name.

Coker also stated it would be a good idea for the HCHC to participate in the THC's Texas Treasures program.

She also announced the THC Real Places annual conference April 23-25. Conference registration fees for members of the HCHC will be paid by the county, but hotel and food costs must be borne by the individual members. There is a discount on the registration fees until March 21, so please make plans and inform Coker before this date if you plan to participate.

Anita Collins announced that the Alliance for Texas History Conference would take place in San Marcos in May (no dates provided). She also stated that CITC would hold a screening of the Tobias Family's oral history at the Kyle Library on February 22 at 1:00.

Knight gave an overview of the CLG Committee and the various types of historic designations at the federal, state and local levels.

The meeting was adjourned.