

# HOOD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 24, 2016

### MEETING

The Hood County Historical Commission met at 5:00 PM on Thursday, MARCH 24, 2016, in Room 116, the Old Treasurer's Office/HCHC room in the Historic Hood County Courthouse at 100 East Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas.

#### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

**1. Roll call to establish quorum.**

HCHC members present: Christy Massey, Charla Taylor, Becki Barnes, Jewel Thompson, Don Grissom, Sylvia Hickey, Mary Sutton

Visitors: James Dickens, Jim Sutton

**2. Consider approval of minutes for the Feb. 25, 2016 HCHC meeting.**

The motion to accept the minutes was made by Charla Taylor, and seconded by Sylvia Hickey. Motion passed.

**3. Treasurer's report.** Charla Taylor presented the Treasurer's report. Don Grissom made the motion to accept, Sylvia Hickey seconded the motion. (report attached)

#### Old Business

**1. Consider and take appropriate action on any updates from Committees.**

**a. Cemetery**

**b. Marker**

Vic Smith provided a report on the Rock Church Cemetery Request for a Historic Cemetery Designation, and also an update on interest in a Historical Marker for the "Granbury College President's Tree." (report attached)

**c. Museum** – Tom Matlock and Deana Matlock Goble have given/discussed items for display by the HCHC. Deana donated a wedding dress that belonged to her grandmother, and Tom discussed loaning a 1920's saddle, a 1900's First National Bank check, and a branding iron.

**d. Publicity** – Articles relating to the Sesquicentennial/local history have been published in the Showcase Magazine and the Hood County News. James Dickens is working on having an announcement about the Hood County Sesquicentennial in the Texas State Historical Association publication.

e. **Other committee's presentations and reports – none**

2. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the Hood County Historical map brochure .** Progress has been made in completing the map. It is in the final editing stages.

3. **Update and take appropriate action regarding the 2016 Hood County Sesquicentennial.**

Christy gave an update on J.C. Campbell's permission to publish a book of his illustrations of historic structures in Hood County, to be printed through Print One in 2016 only. Sponsorship of printing expenses by local businesses is being solicited, with the goal of getting a total of \$4000 in donations to print 1000 books.

Nov. 5, 2016 event:

The local ministerial alliance has agreed to oversee the children's games. The City of Granbury will allow the use of Lambert Park (next to the old light plant) for the children's games area. Porta-johns will be needed at the site during the event.

Lake Granbury Medical Center has expressed interest in helping with the event.

Soliciting the county schools to make "photo boards" for the event was discussed.

Becki reported no news from the drama department on doing the "Holding it Together for Hood" play.

Any parade on the same day will have to be sponsored, organized and executed by another community group, not the HCHC.

4. **Report from new member committee.**

Charla reported that Phyllis Wright of Lipan is interested in working with the HCHC, and will attend our next meeting. Mary Sutton made motion to accept the committee report, Charla Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **New Business**

1. **Closing remarks by Chairman and members.**

The upcoming Sesquicentennial meetings were noted.

2. **Consider and designate the date, time, & place on next meeting.**

The next meeting was set for *April 28, 2016 in Annex 1.*

Treasurer's Report  
for March 24, 2016  
2 pages



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**Detail Report  
Account Detail**

Date Range: 10/01/2015 - 03/21/2016

Account	Name	Beginning Balance	Total Activity	Ending Balance			
<b>Fund: 010 - GENERAL FUND</b>							
<u>010-2070-3551</u>							
DUE TO HOOD CO HIST COMMISSION		-3,037.82	-17.00	-3,054.82			
<b>Post Date</b>	<b>Packet Number</b>	<b>Source Transaction</b>	<b>Pmt Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Running Balance</b>
10/14/2015	CLPKT00408	R00009949		HISTORICAL COMMISSION DONATION -		-50.00	-3,087.82
10/14/2015	CLPKT00408	R00009950		HISTORICAL COMMISSION DONATION -		-50.00	-3,137.82
				<b>Activity for October, 2015:</b>		-100.00	
12/22/2015	CLPKT00453	R00011131		DONATION HISTORICAL COMMISSION		-50.00	-3,187.82
				<b>Activity for December, 2015:</b>		-50.00	
03/09/2016	APPKT01199	10927	262558	Standing Spray Masculin Yellow roses f	014687 - GRANBURY FLOWER SHOP	133.00	-3,054.82
				<b>Activity for March, 2016:</b>		133.00	
				<b>Activity for March, 2016:</b>		133.00	
<u>010-4090-41210</u>							
HOOD CO HISTORIC COMMS		0.00	0.00	0.00			
<b>Total Fund: 010 - GENERAL FUND:</b>		<b>Beginning Balance: -3,037.82</b>	<b>Total Activity: -17.00</b>	<b>Ending Balance: -3,054.82</b>			
<b>Grand Totals:</b>		<b>Beginning Balance: -3,037.82</b>	<b>Total Activity: -17.00</b>	<b>Ending Balance: -3,054.82</b>			

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<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>-3,037.82</b>	<b>-17.00</b>	<b>-3,054.82</b>

Hood County Historical Commission  
Marker and Cemetery Committees  
Report for March 24, 2016

Rock Church Cemetery – Request for a Historic Texas Cemetery Designation

The Hood County Historical Commission has received the documents from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) requesting approval of the Rock Church Cemetery application information which has incorporated into the standard THC forms. As noted in my email [Attachment 1] to the Rock Church Committee, the THC has, in essence, approved our application.

My email to the Rock Church Cemetery Committee [Attachment 2] listed the next steps need to complete the Dedication of Dedication. Steps numbered 1 and 2 have been completed. Step 3 will be completed this week.

The Rock Church Cemetery Association has yet to decide if they will request a historic marker for the cemetery. The Chair has provided information for their consideration.

A Historical Marker for the “Granbury College President’s Tree”

An interest has been expressed in obtaining a historical marker for the “Granbury College President’s Tree” located at 801 Lipan Highway. The Chair asked the question of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), if a tree could receive a historical marker. Their response was that markers had been approved for trees in the past and that the use of a Subject Marker Application could be used. Subject Marker information has been provided to the interested parties.

Victor A. Smith  
Chair – Marker and Cemetery Committees



**From:** Jenny McWilliams [mailto:Jenny.McWilliams@the.state.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2016 10:49 AM  
**To:** Victor Smith  
**Cc:** 'Janet Saltsgiver'  
**Subject:** Rock Church Cemetery HTC designation - Request for Approval

TO: Victor Smith, Rock Church Cemetery HTC Designation Applicant  
FROM: The THC Cemetery Program  
RE: Rock Church Cemetery, HD-C030  
DATE: 2/24/2016

Victor:

This email serves as a request for approval of the information we have from your application, as well as your approval of a map we created from maps and information you provided.

I have attached your original HTC application (Application, History and Bibliography.doc). We took the information from this application and entered it into our database. I have also attached the data we entered (Application Data Entry.pdf). Please review the Data Entry file to be sure we have entered your information correctly.

I have also attached a map that I created from the maps you provided (Rock Church Exhibit A.pdf). Please review the map carefully. This map will be mailed to the adjacent landowners. Please be sure to confirm and update adjacent landowners' contact information as it may have changed. I currently have:

Edward M and Juana M Bennison  
8809 Sylvan Ct  
Ft Worth, Texas 76120-2845

Circle 23 Brand Ranch  
10003 Crestwater Cir  
Magnolia, Texas 77354

If you find errors, please either correct them on a printout and scan the corrected page or describe the corrections below (visual corrections are always more helpful).

**Victor Smith**

**From:** Victor Smith [smithvs@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 29, 2016 11:16 AM  
**To:** 'Dianne Martin'; 'William Jones'; Janet Saltsgiver; Joy Mooney; Carol Ann Werland  
**Cc:** Christy Massey  
**Subject:** Rock Church Cemetery HTC designation - Request for Approval

We have received VERY good news!

The Texas Historical Commission has, in essence, approved Rock Church Cemetery as a Historic Texas Cemetery. However, there is yet some paperwork to go through before we will receive the Historic Texas Cemetery Certificate.

So, what is next?

- 1 The Historic Texas Cemetery data and Exhibit A Map, from the Texas Historical Commission, will be reviewed approve and/or corrected, as needed and returned to Austin.
- 2 The Texas Historical Commission will notify the surrounding landowners of our application. They have a two-week comment period. This is for comment only, NOT for their approval.
- 3 After two weeks, the Texas Historical Commission, will mail the Declaration of Dedication to the Hood County Historical Commission. I will file the Declaration with the Hood County Clerk's office. The County Clerk's will file the Affidavit and stamp it with "Filed" and the date.
- 4 After the Dedication is filed, I will send a copy of the Affidavit, with the county's recording stamp.
- 5 After the Texas Historical Commission has receive the county filing confirmation, the HTC designation process will be finalized and the Texas Historical Commission, will send a Certificate to the Hood County Historical Commission.

Once the Hood County Historical Commission has received the Certificate, I will make a copy for our file and send the Certificate to the Rock Church Cemetery Association.

All in All, this could take two to three months, but in the end we can celebrate: Rock Church Cemetery, a Historic Texas Cemetery.

Later this week I will send out the information about obtaining a Historic Texas Cemetery marker.

Vic Smith

Victor A. Smith  
Hood County Historical Commission  
Chair: Cemetery and Marker Committees



### **Historic Landmark #14**

#### **Live Oak Tree 801 Lipan Highway**

“Granbury College President’s Tree” This tree was designated a Granbury historic tree April 26, 2002 in honor of Arbor Day. The home in front of which this tree stands was built in 1873 for the President of Granbury College. This tree was standing when that home was built. The tree is reportedly over 500 years old and was landmarked by the Forestry Service to prevent the demolition of the tree in a proposed project to widen the road.