

## **Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission**

**May 6, 2019**

### **Members Present**

Kenny Padgett, Chairman  
Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman  
Jeff Henderson  
David Mitchell  
Jim Weaver

### **Staff Present**

Ursula Richardson, Planning & Development  
Sandy Padgett, Secretary

### **Regular Meeting**

Chairman Padgett called the meeting to order at approximately 5:11 p.m.; welcoming all in attendance. Minutes from April 1, 2019 minutes were presented for review and approval. Jeff Henderson made note of two changes to be correct in minutes. Jim Weaver made motion to approve corrected minutes; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye. Corrected minutes will be emailed to members.

### **Commission Reports**

Jeff Henderson attended Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony, which had a good turnout. Jeff Henderson spoke with someone with Speaker Ralston's office a couple times regarding funds for museum. He stated there are no funds in the budget set aside for museum; when funds were turned over to a Georgia County they were used for other projects. He stated Speaker Ralston's office has been supportive and suggested HPC get in contact with Matt Barton's office. There are grants that are available for Gordon County to apply for to help with funding for the museum.

## **Unfinished Business**

Parks continue to be heavily visited.

Chamber of Commerce has hired a convention and visitor bureau director, Sarah Ostuw. Chairman Padgett will get with her regarding the GDOT highway historical signs that have been on hold.

Congratulations to Jeff Henderson and Jim Weaver on their reappointment to the HPC for another term.

Upcoming HPC training is Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will be discussed further at end of meeting.

## **New Business**

Chairman Padgett reminded members of upcoming statewide training conference in September.

Chairman Padgett met with George Dussenbury, Trust for Public Land, and took a tour of the Chitwood Farm.

Chairman Padgett stated Sunday, after Confederate Memorial Day Service, park staff, Jerry Holmes, confronted two relic hunters in the cemetery. Suspects were brought in for questioning but unsure as to any charges, if any to be filed, due to status of ownership of cemetery.

Battle of Resaca Annual Civil War Reenactment will be May 17 – 19, 2019.

Chairman Padgett suggested HPC try and meet with Representative Barton and discuss a stronger cemetery vandalism law in Georgia.

HPC members discussed upcoming HPC training on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, in Rome. Members decided to meet at the Gordon County library at 7:00 a.m. to carpool.

## **Adjournment**

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 3, 2019 @ 5:15 p.m.. Jeff Henderson made motion to adjourn; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m..

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Kenny Padgett, Chairman

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Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman

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Sandy Padgett, Secretary