

**Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**April 4, 2016**

**Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Ursula Desrosier, Planning & Development  
Sandy Padgett, Secretary

**Regular Meeting**

Chairman Padgett called the meeting to order at approximately 5:28 p.m.; welcoming all in attendance. Minutes from March 7, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. Betty Ann Surdykowski made motion to approve minutes; seconded by David Mitchell. All voted aye.

**Commission Reports**

Chairman Padgett presented a report and briefly reviewed report with HPC regarding activities he has participated in since last meeting. (report filed with minutes).

**Unfinished Business**

David Mitchell has been unsuccessful in trying to contact a land surveyor who would be willing to reestablish the property lines for Nelson Cemetery.

Chairman Padgett stated Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Commissioner Hood.

Chairman Padgett stated himself, John King, Jim Ledbetter, Don Holley, Kathy Johnson (Chamber of Commerce) and Sarah Husser will be meeting on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> in reference to Resaca Battlefield Park grand opening.

Chairman Padgett stated there is a very large tombstone that has been turned over at the Gideon Cemetery.

### **New Business**

Chairman Padgett stated he contacted Wendy Nunnery, George Chambers Resource Center, in reference to her request regarding the Longstreet Cemetery and having the cemetery restored. Chairman Padgett will try and set up a meeting with Wendy Nunnery and meet with her at the cemetery. Sheriff's Office has cleaned the cemetery and roadway leading into the cemetery.

Chairman Padgett met with Don Holley, Gordon County Parks & Recreation Director, regarding a lockable metal storage building to be placed at the Battlefield site. Placement of building will be right inside gate and will be used for maintenance equipment storage. A new power gate with key pad will be installed within the week along with video surveillance at the Battlefield site.

Betty Ann Surdykowski made motion to accept placement of storage building; seconded by David Mitchell. All voted aye.

Chairman Padgett stated there was an incident this past Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Confederate Cemetery. Volunteers that were assisting with the cemetery clean up dug a ditch approximately 50' – 60' between graves to help with water flow.

Chairman Padgett stated an organization removed the old wall around the cemetery cross and replaced a new one, which was not built with quality workmanship and will not last. This organization did not receive permission from the State to replace the wall. Chairman Padgett questioned the HPC if the cemetery and WPA marker should be listed within an historic district. HPC briefly discussed the benefits of having these two locations in an historic district.

Chairman Padgett stated there has possibly been an easement violation and parties have been notified. The persons who lease the Chitwood Farm for a

hunting club notified Chairman Padgett of the violation. Chairman Padgett visited the Chitwood Farm and observed the violation. Copy of Chitwood Farm easement distributed to HPC members. (copy of Chitwood Farm easement filed with minutes).

### **Adjournment**

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 2, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.. David Mitchell made motion to adjourn; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:59 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