

Morgan County Resource Preservation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting
March 10, 2009
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Carol Cross, Sarah Lynn McHugh, Gail Wade
Not Present: Tonya Hogan, Ona Nunn
Also Present: Tara Cooner,

I. Opening and Welcome

Carol Cross welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes from January 13, February 10 and February 17, 2009 meetings

With the unanimous consent of all members present, the Minutes were approved as presented.

III. Update on Cemetery book

Tara Cooner informed the Board that 5 of the 12 boxes of cemetery books had been sold or distributed. Several people had purchased multiple copies or returned to purchase additional copies. The only comment that people had regarding the content of the book was a desire to see the names of those buried in each cemetery.

IV. Update on Rural Design Guidelines

Ms. Cooner explained that Senior Planner Allison Duncan, who resigned her position with the county in February 2009, had not been able to complete more than a couple of pages on the Rural Design Guidelines. Ms. Cooner had discussed the document with Chuck Jarrell, Director of Planning and Development and it has not been decided who will continue the work on the document at this time.

V. Oral History Project

The Board discussed the possible interview candidates and who had been contacted regarding participation. Ona Nunn had contacted John Bostwick, Louette Malcolm, and John Nunn. Gail Wade had contacted Grayson White, Barbara Tyson, Shirley Pittman and Kate Cathey. Ms. Pittman had declined to participate. Louise Tiller was suggested as a replacement for Ms. Pittman and Ms. Wade agreed to contact her. Ms. Cooner had contacted Lottie Lewis. Carol Cross agreed to contact Jimmy Sidwell, Warren Few, Jackie Pennington, Ossie Williams and Ann Wynn, who was added to the list for the Apalachee community. Sarah Lynn McHugh suggested that Ms. Cooner ask Ms. Nunn to contact Worde Riden. Ms. Cooner asked that addresses be provided so she can send letters to the participants.

Ms. Cooner explained that the Bank of Madison was allowing the Board to use the annex conference room, break room and kitchen. The conference room, featuring beautiful exposed brick walls, would be used for the interview filming, while the break room and kitchen would be used to set up the computer/scanner for photographs and as a waiting area.

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Ms. Cooner informed the Board that Beth Goodwin and John Godwin had both been sent contracts by the county for services related to the Oral History Project. Ms. Cooner and Ms. Goodwin have an appointment with Chris Cook of Madison Studios on March 19 to confirm his services before a contract is extended to him for the website development.

Ms. Cooner explained that the article that Larry Ferguson had been working on for the Lake Oconee News was to be published in the next upcoming edition. Mr. Ferguson had interviewed Beth Goodwin, in addition to Ms. Cooner, and planned to include historic photos provided by the Planning Office.

Ms. Cooner mentioned that Ms. Goodwin had requested a list of possible questions to ask the interview participants. Ms. Cooner distributed a list of questions and asked the Board if they had any questions to add. The Board members examined the list and did not have any questions to add.

VI. Additional Business

Ms. Cooner explained that county budget items were due the previous week and Chuck Jarrell had requested the budget for the Resource Preservation Advisory Board from Ms. Cooner. The items submitted were 2 interns, the Oral History Project and the Boy and Girl Scouts Heritage Education Project. Ms. Cooner said she would let the Board know as soon as any items were approved. The Board unanimously agreed that the Oral History Project was the top priority.

Ms. Cooner reminded the Board that the Springfield historic marker was to be unveiled March 15, 2009 at 1:00pm.

Ms. Cooner informed the Board that she had received a call from a Mr. Hammond, who was working with Hard Labor Creek State Park regarding an education center and the restoration of the CCC buildings on the site. Mr. Hammond had requested assistance from the county and Ms. Cooner planned to speak to Chuck Jarrell regarding what assistance can be given.

VII. Adjourn

Carol Cross adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Carol Cross, Chairman

Date _____

Tara Cooner, Secretary

Date _____