

# Morgan County Resource Preservation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2009  
6:00 p.m.  
Minutes

Present: Carol Cross, Sarah Lynn McHugh, Gail Wade, Ona Nunn

Not Present: Elzata Brown

Also Present: Tara Cooner, Danielle Peck

## **I. Opening and Welcome**

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

## **II. Approval of Minutes from March 10, April 14 and April 28, 2009 meetings**

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

## **III. Summer 2009 Oral History Interviews**

### **a. Review of communities and possible participants.**

The Board discussed the list of names of possible participants that was created at the April 28 Special Called Meeting. The Board members agreed to contact the suggested people regarding participation. Sarah Lynn McHugh agreed to contact Renae Daws, Paul Hensler, Richard Hubbard and Wilma Early. Ona Nunn agreed to contact Jessie Adair. Carol Cross agreed to contact James Harold Smith, Mrs. John Knight, Aubrey Moon and Tommy Lawrence. Gail Wade agreed to contact Mary Eaton and Frances Brewer. After some discussion, it was also decided that Ms. Wade would contact Alfred Murray. It was decided that Ms. McHugh would speak to her possible participants first and then contact Ms. Cooner regarding times scheduled. Ms. Cooner would then contact the other Board members. Ms. Cooner informed the Board that she had spoken to Mary Tolbert, a Morgan County employee and Thankful Church member, regarding an interview participant from the Thankful area. Ms. Tolbert had contact her aunt, Lucile Smith, who had agreed to be interviewed.

Other names were presented for consideration for future rounds of interviews. Those names were Willie Little (Bostwick), Tom Franklin and Minnie Peak. It was mentioned that if any of the people contacted declined to participate, Mr. Franklin could be asked to participate in this round of interviews.

### **b. Update on venue and dates**

Ms. Cooner informed the Board that Chuck Jarrell, Director of Planning and Development, had contacted the Bank of Madison and had received permission for interviews to be held at the Annex again. Ms. Cooner had scheduled the interviews for Saturday, May 30 and Saturday, June 20.

## **IV. Summer Intern Project**

Ms. Cooner explained that she and Danielle Peck had met with Justin Courson on Thursday, May 7, to discuss an internship with Morgan County. Mr. Courson is also considering an

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internship with a house museum in Chicago and will let the staff know by the end of the week which position he will accept. It was discussed that Mr. Courson would be working on documenting the names on gravestones in the cemeteries identified during the 2007 cemetery survey. He would also be checking for additional damage and cross-referencing older lists to see if any stones have been lost.

### **V. Additional Business**

Ms. Cooner presented photos from the Hester Cemetery showing damage that was discovered on April 2, 2009. The logger responsible for the damage had agreed to pay for a professional gravestone conservator to repair the stones. Dustin Hornsby of Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta had repaired the stones on May 2. Ms. Cooner presented photos showing the repaired stones.

Ms. Cooner mentioned that approximately twenty-seven Cemetery Books were left and asked the Board members to contact anyone that may possibly want one before they were sold out. The Board discussed the success of the book and expectations for the website.

Photographs owned by the Board members were discussed. Ms. Cross agreed to contribute Atkinson family photos and Ms. McHugh volunteered to obtain historic photos of Rutledge, if possible.

### **VII. Adjourn**

Carol Cross adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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Carol Cross, Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Tara Cooner, Secretary

Date \_\_\_\_\_