

**Gordon County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**October 2, 2023**

**Members Present**

Kenny Padgett, Chairman  
Betty Ann Surdykowski, Vice Chairman  
Jeff Henderson  
Jim Weaver  
Add Layson

**Staff Present**

Ursula Richardson, Planning & Development  
Sandy Padgett, Secretary

**Regular Meeting**

Chairman Padgett called the meeting to order at approximately 5:16 p.m.; welcoming all in attendance, include new member, Add Layson. Mr. Layson gave HPC a briefly introduced himself. Minutes from May 1, 2023 were presented for review and approval. Jim Weaver made motion to approved; seconded by Betty Ann Surdykowski. All voted aye.

**Commission Reports**

Jeff Henderson informed HPC of the Historical Society meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in November. Daniel Roper, Georgia Back Roads editor, will be the guest speaker.

Jim Weaver stated meeting at the Lance property was successful. He noted there is no wheelchair at the property.

**Unfinished Business**

Chairman Padgett stated parks continue to be heavily visited. Interpretative signs are in need of being replaced due to deteriorating conditions from being exposed to the weather. A culvert is washed out along the trail system.

Battle of Resaca attendance was a little down from previous years.

HPC was notified by Georgia Department of Community Affairs that Oostanaula School had filed paperwork to be placed on the National Registry of Historic places. Paperwork has been approved by the State and was forwarded to the National Registry and currently awaiting final notification.

Town of Resaca Civil War Museum held their grand opening on May 26, 2023, with approximately 75-80 people in attendance. Museum currently houses the Ernest Rutledge collection.

Civil War Reenactor's conducted a Memorial Day program at the Resaca Battlefield Park on May 27, 2023.

## **New Business**

Chairman Padgett informed HPC it was time for yearly officer elections. Jim Weaver made motion to keep the current officers (Kenny Padgett – Chairman & Betty Ann Surdykowski – Vice Chairman); Jeff Henderson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Add Layson questioned HPC of their mission. Chairman Padgett will email a copy of By-Laws and Memo of Understanding to Mr. Layson. Chairman Padgett and HPC discussed briefly with Mr. Layson the duties of HPC.

Add Layson mentioned the condition of the monuments located at Highway 41/Highway 225. Chairman Padgett stated those are located within the City of Calhoun and he has previously discussed their deteriorating condition with the Historical Society.

HPC members discussed potentially their involvement in Gordon County's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which will take place in 2025. Jeff Henderson made motion to speak

with Board of Commissioners about interest of celebrating Gordon County's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary; seconded by Jim Weaver. All voted aye.

### **Adjournment**

Jeff Henderson made motion to adjourn; seconded by Jim Weaver. All voted aye.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:57 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