

MINUTES OF TEXAS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

BAKER HOTEL, DALLAS, OCTOBER 13, 1934

President Cullen F. Thomas called the Texas Centennial Commission to order at the Baker Hotel, Dallas, at 10:10 a.m., October 13, 1934. Present: Anderson, Birney, Briggs, Brown, Caldwell, Cline, Elbert, Farnsworth, Florence, Foree, Griffith, Hughes, Martin, Middleton, Miller, Pennybacker, Rucks, Sharp, Snow, Stern, Thomas, Thornton, Wommack, and Hayes (Secretary). Absent: President Thomas reported Jones in Washington, Sevier in Chile, Neff in Missouri, Ochs in Iowa, Josey in Denver, Neal in Washington, Hawk in Chicago, Taylor in the hospital, Shary and Carter unable to attend because of other business.

Pennybacker moved and Griffith seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted, that the Commission extend its best wishes and hope for a speedy recovery from his illness to Commissioner Taylor.

On motion of Martin, seconded by Middleton, the Commission formally elected by unanimous vote R. L. Thornton and Fred P. Florence, of Dallas, to membership on the Commission, these having been elected by a minority of the Commission, subject to the ratification of a majority of the Commission, at a meeting held in Austin, September 24.

Cline, for the Executive Committee, nominated Ross Boothe of Gonzales, J. A. White of Colliad, Joe L. Clark of Huntsville, Phil L. Sanders of Nacogdoches, and John Boyle of San Antonio, to membership on the Commission. Under the rule action upon these nominations cannot be taken until the next meeting of the Commission.

President Thomas introduced Senator and Mrs. Walter Woodul, Dr. and Mrs. Martin, of College Station, and Miss Lula Brown, daughter of Commissioner Brown, as guests of the Commission.

Sharp was asked by President Thomas to make a report of the work of the Historic Planning Committee. She prefaced her report with the statement that celebrations other than the main exposition should be classed as historic rather than secondary or subsidiary celebrations. She stated that the Planning Committee could not give a complete report but that it had ready a report, subject to such revision as might later be made, which represented the almost continuous labors of the Committee from Wednesday morning until Friday night, involving a tremendous amount of work, and that with certain additions, subtractions, and alterations to be made later, would constitute the Committee's final report.

Briggs, for the Committee, stated that typewritten copies of the report were ready for distribution to members, and the Secretary was requested by the Commission to mail a copy to each Commissioner at his home address.

President Thomas called upon Cline, Chairman of the Executive Committee, to make a verbal report. Cline stated that finding it necessary and important to create a special planning committee to address itself to the needs of historic sections, the Executive Committee had instructed him to appoint such a committee, and he had named Ochs (Chairman), Farnsworth, Sharp, Briggs, Josey, Phil L. Sanders of Nacogdoches, Joe L. Clark of Huntsville, Ross Boothe of Gonzales, J. A. White of Colliad. This Committee had prepared its report, as stated by Mrs. Sharp, to be presented to the Legislature.

Cline asked for a continuation of the publicity work throughout the State under the direction of Commissioner Briggs and that an additional \$10,000.00 be allocated for that purpose in order to continue the educational campaign for the next 30 days, which time will determine the possibilities of the Centennial before the Legislature.

Rulen moved and Middleton seconded the motion that the Commission allot \$10,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry on the

educational publicity campaign during the next 30 days. This motion was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Briggs, seconded by Sharp, by unanimous vote the Executive Committee, under the direction of Chairman Gline, was authorized to represent the Commission before the Legislature at Austin and was given plenary powers.

The Commission adjourned at 11 a.m., subject to call of the President, the members having accepted an invitation to be the guests of the Texas State Fair Association for the day.

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After adjournment, members of the Commission were conveyed to the Texas State Fair grounds, where they inspected the exhibits under the guidance of President Otto Herald, were guests of the Fair Association at a luncheon at the Jockey Club, attended the races and the football game, later being guests at the home of President Thomas for a buffet supper, and then returning to the auditorium at the Fair grounds to witness "The Show of a Century." At the luncheon, thanks were extended to President Herald and the directors of the Fair Association for their courtesies and hospitality.