

Arkansas History Commission  
Minutes  
December 14, 2023  
Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources  
Smackover, AR

The regular quarterly meeting of the Arkansas History Commission was held at 9:57 a.m., Thursday, December 14, 2023, in the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources, Smackover, AR, with Chair Micheal Tarver presiding. Other commissioners present were Ron Fuller, Shawn Fisher, Heather Nelson, and Brady Banta. Jason Hendren and Rob Soubers were absent. Also, present were ASA Director David Ware, DAH Director Marty Ryall and Administrative Specialist III April Goff.

The Chair called the meeting to order, and introductions followed.

The minutes of the September meeting were presented and approved, with 3 typographical corrections, following a motion by Banta, seconded by Fisher.

Goff reported to the commission about the progress of the fiscal year budget detailing some of the expenses and that the archives was on track for this point in the fiscal year.

Ware presented the Director's report. Ware reported on the usage statistics, progress on the numerous projects that have been going on and are making good progress or have been recently completed, Event planning for 2024, to include America250 and on his progress getting information for the commission about the SHRAB requirements.

As the Commission had no Monument Act Submissions this cycle and there was no old or new business that had not been covered during the director's report the commission invited the DAH Director to address the meeting. Director Ryall complimented the commission and the ASA staff for the work they do. Commissioner Tarver also requested the minutes to reflect the commission's appreciation for the work the staff of the Sultana Disaster Museum did hosting the meeting and to convey their thanks.

As there was no old or new business that had not been dealt with the commission confirmed the time, date, and location of the next meeting as Dec.14 at the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources in Smackover, AR at 10 am.

Chair Tarver invited DAH Director Ryall to speak, and Ryall complimented the commission and the ASA staff for the work they do.

The commission confirmed March 7 2024, at 10 am as the date and time of the next meeting to be held at Harding university hosted by Commissioner Fisher.

After a motion by Fuller and second by Fisher the commission voted to adjourn.

Adjourned 11:22

Respectfully submitted,

David Ware  
State Historian

April Goff  
Administrative Specialist III

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