

Arkansas History Commission
Minutes
December 12, 2024
Arkansas State Archives Meeting Room
Little Rock, AR

The regular quarterly meeting of the Arkansas History Commission was held at 12:00 noon., Thursday, December 12, 2024, in the Arkansas State Archives Conference Room in Little Rock, AR, with Chair Brady Banta presiding. Commissioners present in person were Ronald Fuller and Heather Nelson. Present via Teams were Brady Banta, and Shawn Fisher. Jason Hendren and Micheal Tarver were absent. Rob Soubers replacement has not been named. Also, present in person were ASA Director David Ware, Administrative Specialist III April Goff, AHPP- Preservation Outreach Coordinator Ashley Sides. DAH Director Marty Ryalls, and ADPHT Secretary Shea Lewis.

After a delay in order to have a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:28 pm, and the minutes of the September 2024 meeting were presented and approved, following a motion by Nelson, seconded by Fuller.

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 usage statistics, progress on the numerous projects that have been going on and are making good progress or have been recently completed, upcoming events and the progress that has been made on the ANCRC project. Ware notified the commissioners that they had been dropped at defendants in the Clark vs Little Rock monument lawsuit.

The commission then moved on to the Monument Act Submissions which was a registration request from Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. After some discussion and the offer to answer any questions from Mr. Sides the commission after motion from Nelson and seconded by Fuller approved the "Concordia Country Club/Rock Creek Golf Course Historical Marker" for registration.

Discussion of the commissioners who have or will shortly have expired terms ensued. Heather Nelson's term Expired in January of 2024 and she has decided not to continue due to other obligations. She agreed to continue to serve till a replacement is appointed. In order to facilitate this since she will be over seas for the next 6 months or so the commission agreed to move the meetings back to 10 am so the time difference will be less trouble for her. Fuller's term expired January of 2023 and he has notified the Governor and her office that he wishes to continue to serve. No re-appointment has come through yet. Fisher notified the commission that this would be his last meeting as he has accepted a position with the federal government in Washington, D.C. It was discussed that Tarver's term expires in January of 2025 and that he has indicated to Ware that he wishes to continue to serve and also that Soubers' replacement has still not been appointed.

The commission confirmed March 6, 2025, at 10 noon as the date and time of the next meeting to be held at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives, in Washington, Arkansas. After a motion by Fuller and a second by Nelson, the commission voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ware
State Historian

April Goff
Administrative Specialist III

Approved March 6, 2025