

**Cleburne Railroad Expansion Committee and Museum Advisory Board  
Special Meeting  
April 9, 2021  
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Dobson at 5:08 p.m.

**Cleburne Railroad Expansion Committee Members:**

Present: Aaron Dobson, Nicholas Hefner, Stephanie Montero, Linda Wallace

Absent: Richard Sikes, Ron Layland, Tammy Miller

**Museum Advisory Board Members:**

Present: Sherri Bell, JoAnn Ellis, Teresa Ferens, Trish Kilburn, Christy Morton, Sandra Tinley, Linda Wallace

Absent: Ron Layland, Tammy Miller

Aaron Dobson acknowledged the unusual schedule for this meeting, which was due to the contractor's need to move forward quickly to avoid any delays in completion of the expansion project. He mentioned that the community has long been concerned that the memorial bricks that were once next to the caboose should be reused.

A sidewalk is being planned to lead from existing pavement behind the Smith History Center to the Cleburne Railroad Museum's back door. This door will be used frequently for tours and programs that will take place in both facilities.

Next to this sidewalk will be a terrace for groups to gather outdoors. This is the recommended placement for the memorial bricks. They would be framed by contrasting pavers, and park benches and planters are planned as well.

Aaron read two emails from members of the public, Denise Jones and Debbe Prater, who asked that the pavers be used, or if not, returned to the donors.

On behalf of the Cleburne Railroad Expansion Committee, Linda Wallace noted her relief to see the pavers used. She mentioned that Ms. Prater's desire to have the pavers used out of doors, where people could visit at any time. She proposed that the sidewalk and Railroad Museum Terrace be constructed. The motion carried unanimously.

On behalf of the Museum Advisory Board, which was responsible for the original fund raiser to sell the pavers, Sherri Hill opened the floor for discussion. Christy Morton inquired whether the pavers would be professionally installed, level and with proper drainage, and this was confirmed. Teresa Ferens made a motion that the memorial pavers should be used for this project. JoAnn Ellis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Stephanie Montero offered a brief report on construction progress, which is going smoothly and should be complete in late June. The museum is tentatively set to open in October.

The meeting was adjourned by Aaron Dobson at 5:33 p.m.