

Beeville ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: August 20, 2013 Presented By: Debra Hanus

Subject: Burial Grounds on BISD Property Related Page(s): _____

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Debra Hanus, GT coordinator and teacher has expressed an interest in pursuing an Historical Marker for property in the BISD. According to her information, one of the original Irish settler families, the Heffermans, was massacred in early 1836, and a wood box with all five victims was buried under an oak tree in front of their home. Records show where the house was located.

On its location a school was built which has since been decommissioned but used as storage. The property remains as part of Beeville Independent School District. The said oak tree died in the 1950's but the stump remains.

Surrounding the stump is gravel. The area has not been paved over. The dirt is alluvial deposit being close to the Poesta Creek.

She is interested in confirming whether this is indeed the grave of the Hefferman family. If there is indication of a mass burial, she is interested in having her G/T students pursue the placement of an Historical Cemetery Marker.

RECOMMENDATION:

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BOARD ACTION REQUIRED:

No action needed.