

Lake Charles Association of Commerce

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Minutes of the

Called Meeting of the

OLD SPANISH TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Houston, Texas, Friday, July 23, 1919.

A meeting of the Old Spanish Trail Association was held in Houston, Texas, July 23, 1919, for the purpose of re-organizing in a better way, the Old Spanish Trail Association.

The meeting was called to order by H. E. Kesterson, Chairman, who, after a short address of welcome, stated that the first order of business would be the election of a temporary chairman and a temporary secretary.

On motion duly seconded, John B. Cunningham of San Antonio was elected temporary chairman of the meeting and, on motion duly seconded, Herbert Taylor of Lake Charles, La., was elected temporary secretary.

After Mr. Cunningham had taken the Chair, he addressed the meeting as to the aim and purpose.

On formal discussion, a suggestion by Bill A. Vining of Orange received in Mr. Taylor's name of Los Angeles, California, giving a statement on the Old Spanish Trail proposition as it is being made, and that it would be necessary to perfect the work

Several items of interest emphasized in Mr. Locke's remarks were that general conditions, nature of terrain, accessibility and practicability of a transcontinental highway connecting two oceans was in itself an assurance of success for the Old Spanish Trail from Florida to California; that it was the shortest route from Florida to California, using the terminals of the highway from Jacksonville to San Diego, the distance being approximately 2800 miles; inasmuch as four transcontinental highways had been suggested to traverse the border of the United States, thought that the Old Spanish Trail from its value as a Military Highway should be brought to the attention of the proper committees in Congress for its designation as one of the four transcontinental highways.

The Old Spanish Trail was formed in Mobile, Alabama, in 1915, and was the outcome of suggestions by the Rotary Club of that city, and the work accomplished in the development and location of this highway was due to the consistent efforts of the officers of the organization, but now that the entire highway is under some form of organization, for effectiveness and economic distribution of information, Mr. Locke suggested that the domicile of the organization should be centrally located and that there should be four divisions created for the purpose of concentrating an specific effort for instruction and work.

Mr. Vining, on addressing the Chair, asked if it was not in order to promote the initial move for the perfecting of the organization.