

Louisiana Naval War Memorial Commission

Executive Committee

10/28/2021

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Bob Hawthorne at 3:05 pm.

Members Present:

Bob Hawthorne	Chairman
John Pugh	Vice Chairman
Larry Muenzler	Treasurer
Joe Jenkins	Nominations
Roderick Wells	Secretary
Richard Brandt	At Large
Rosehn Gipe	Executive Director
Todd Maulding	Business Manager

The Chairman asked Business Manager Todd Maulding to give an overview of the status of the KIDD/Museum thus far. The money being generated has been better than expected. Sales and bookings are up and with the relaxed Covid-19 restrictions, the forecast is promising. Our total estimates in most categories for 2021 appear to be very close to our goal.

The Executive Director reported that the museum and the BRPD were working together after several downtown incidents occurred near or at the museum. An officer has been placed near the museum as a precautionary measure for any night function. The officer remains near the museum until 3am. So far that measure has been very productive.

The 2022 budget was presented by Todd Maulding. The shifting of some personnel positions will be implemented next year, and a 3 percent pay increase is recommended for Rosehn. All other full-time staff received a 3% raise for 2021. The Executive Director and Business Manager are considering a possible raise for all employees next year. With more grants and staff asking for more donations, which has been very productive, the KIDD/Museum should progress back to normal by year's end.

The KIDD/Museum was asked to contribute to the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration but declined because of limited funds. We will continue to hold the KIDD/Museum VIP event for fireworks viewing along with the Marine Corp Band.

Finally, the advertising budget has been greatly reduced as we have found that Social Media (Facebook, Twitter) does a better job for the KIDD/Museum advertising our events. A motion was made by Commissioner Richard Brandt and seconded by Commissioner Joe Jenkins to approve the budget and to include the 3 percent pay raise for the Executive Director.

The Executive Committee received advanced copies of the reworked and updated Personnel Manual. Commissioners had no objections to the manual. A motion was made by Commissioner John Pugh and seconded by Commissioner Larry Muenzler to approve the manual.

A discussion as to whether the Commission should secure the publishing rights to Robert Sumrall's books on DD661 was had. Mr. Sumrall's son has the rights to the book now and is the only living relative in the family. He is asking \$1000 for the rights. A motion was made by Commissioner John Pugh and a seconded by Commissioner Richard Brandt to purchase the publishing rights.

The ship needs work as it has been in Baton Rouge cradled in the Mississippi river for 30 years. We received information from Senator Franklin Foil that we should submit a Capital Outlay Request for funding for the KIDD. The information was given with very short notice. But thanks to the expertise and experience of our Executive Director a Capital Outlay Request was submitted to the State for 3.6 million dollars. Commissioners were provided copies. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Richard Brandt and was seconded by Commissioner Larry Muenzler. Motion passed.

The Chairman asked if there was any other business to discussed, there was none. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner John Pugh and seconded by Commissioner Richard Brandt. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick Wells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Roderick Wells

Secretary