

**BOARD MEETING
MARCH 7, 2013**

The meeting of the Terrebonne Veterans Memorial District Board was called to order by, Ken Royston, President of the Board, at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room on the 6th floor of the Government Towers at 8006 Main St., Houma, LA.

Roll Call of Board Members

Present were : Ken Royston, Will Theriot, John Hebert, Jack Croker, C. J. Christ, Lee Shaffer. Absent: Hymel Henry, Eugene Pellegrin, Edward Pontiff. Also present was Jamie Elfert of TPCG, Larry Dupre of T. Baker Smith, John Lyons of GSE Associates, LLC, and Suzette Johnston of Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana No.2

The Invocation was led by Lee Shaffer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Royston.

Motion by C. J. Christ; 2nd by Jack Croker to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2013. Approved by the Board.

A request was made for comments from the public. Suzette Johnston of the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana No.2 requested that possible funding be provided for the Tri Parish Veterans Shelter. She was informed that the building is owned by the Regional Military Museum and that she would have to approach the Museum concerning this request. Also Parish President Michel Claudet advised the meeting that he was seeking a grant from the State of Louisiana concerning this.

Motion by Lee Shaffer; 2nd by Jack Croker to approve the Bill List of Outstanding Invoices in the amount of \$170,752.00 for Bond Principal and Interest Payments (copies attached); \$38093.66 for the Veterans Park Bulkhead (copies attached). Reimbursements for the Regional Military Museum for \$6088.51, with \$148.87 for the Daspit Street Rental Property and \$400.00 for Veterans Park. Approved by the Board. Copies attached.

Motion by Jack Croker; 2nd by Will Theriot to approve the Monthly Financial Report. Approved by the Board. Copies attached.

Motion by Jack Croker; 2nd by Lee Shaffer to authorize the staff to prepare legal documents to grant funds (\$35,000.00) to the Museum Foundation for the purchase of the 5” Naval Gun artifact, giving the Museum ownership of the Gun rather than the District. Approved by the Board.

Veterans Park : Larry Dupre of T. Baker Smith reported that all sheet piling has been installed and that the anchors will be placed starting March 8, 2013. He stated that the project should be completed in 2 to 3 weeks (anchoring, capping and filling in behind the bulkhead). He also stated that March 4, 2013 was the date to complete the project and that the District could impose penalties if it decided to.

Regional Military Museum Foundation : C. J. Christ reported that the property on Grand Caillou Road being used as a Veterans Homeless Shelter was progressing as repairs to the plumbing and the cleaning up of the building and driveways and parking lot were finished. Five beds were available with two already being occupied. He stated that Roger Songe of DAV Bayou Chapter 9 was doing a great job running the shelter and that the VA from New Orleans was impressed by all the work that had been done. A “Grand Opening” is scheduled for April 12, 2013. He also informed the Board that the Landing Craft will be used during the Bayou Dularge clean-up on March 16, 2013.

Museum Construction: John Lyons of GSE Associates LLC informed the Board that plans were progressing on the new Museum now that a budget estimate of funds available have been calculated. Phase 1 of the building should be completed in a 6 to 8 month span, with Phase 2 to be completed at a later time when funds come available. There will be a 4 to 6 week time period for the advertising of bids and contracts once the plans are finalized.

A call was made to discuss any other matters to be considered by the Commission with no response.

Motion by Will Theriot; 2nd by Jack Croker to adjourn the meeting. Approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.