

**TERREBONNE PARISH VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD**  
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Mr. Ken Royston, President  
Mr. Will Theriot, Vice-President  
Mr. Cliff Chaisson, Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Kayla Duthu  
Mr. C. J. Christ  
Mr. Billy Burrow

Mr. James Tuttle  
Mr. Herb Picou

**BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, February 18, 2021

The meeting of the Terrebonne Parish Veterans Memorial District was called to order by Mr. Ken Royston, President at 3:03 p.m. in the third floor of the Regional Military Museum.

Roll Call of Board Members by Cliff Chaisson: Present: Mr. Ken Royston, Mr. Cliff Chaisson, Mr. Billy Burrow, Mr. C.J. Christ, Mr. Will Theriot; By Phone: Mr. James Tuttle, Mr. Herb Picou; Absent: Mrs. Kayla Duthu; We have a Quorum.

Invocation by: Mr. Herb Picou

Pledge by: Ken Royston

Approval of minutes of meeting January 21, 2021: Motion by Billy Burrow and second by Will Theriot to accept the minutes as prepared. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None: Mr. Mart Black and Charlie Kock were in attendance.

**Finance:**

February 18, 2021 Bill Lists: Outstanding invoices: Motion made by Billy Burrow and second by Will Theriot to approve the \$4,528.06 paid in outstanding Invoices. Will Theriot asked about high utility bill and after discussion, the recent unusual cold/freezing weather that hit this area has played a big part in these higher fuel bills. Ms. Kandace will compare last year's bills with this year's bills. Motion Carried.

Regional Military Museum: Motion made by Cliff Chaisson and second by Billy Burrow to reimburse the Regional Military Museum \$10,722.68. Motion Carried. Will Theriot and C.J. Christ abstain from voting.

Veteran's Memorial Park: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by Billy Burrow to reimburse the Veteran's Memorial Park \$828.48 Motion Carried. Cliff Chaisson abstain from voting.

General Operating Fund 2020 Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2020: \$292,198.00 (Available for O & M); \$263,825.00 (Expenditures) Motion made by C.J. Christ and second by Will Theriot to accept the reading of the Financial Reports as prepared by Kandace M. Mauldin; 1/20/2021. Motion Carried.

Veterans Park Committee: Billy Burrow reported that a meeting was held two weeks ago. New Park Bell will be installed soon. Marine Corp League will be cleaning up park. Serial number for bell will be stamped inside.

Regional Military Museum Foundation: Report by Mart Black and Charlie Kock:

- 1) The Museum has received 98 guests since the last meeting. This puts the museum at 848 guests since we reopened in June 2020.
- 2) The Executive Committee approved, and the Board ratified the expenditure of up to \$1,600.00 for the purchase of a new computer and other security related items needed for the Museum. The funds were allocated from Jeep raffle proceeds.
- 3) The recent cold weather has caused some plumbing / water issues
- 4) Plans are underway for the Annual Meeting of RMM membership on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Membership will vote on members of the Board up for re-election or election at that meeting. A dinner will be served utilizing proceeds from the Jeep raffle.
- 5) The Museum's remaining intern is working on paneling for the Civil War display under the supervision of Dexter.
- 6) The Bayou Community Foundation 2021 grant program is now open, and Dexter submitted a grant application on the Board's behalf. Dexter also applied for an LEH mitigation grant that would fund museum improvements to protect against potential storm damage. We are also registered for the 2021 Bayou Gives digital fundraiser that will take place on Wednesday, April 28th.
- 7) Much progress has been made on the restoration of the Link Trainer which is a very complicated piece of machinery. We are attempting to follow a lead on a Trainer's Table component of the Link Trainer which would make ours, if we can find the table, one of only a small number of functional trainers in the country.
- 8) With Mr. Kock back from extended vacation, he and Mr. Willard Lapeyrouse have turned their attention to the lathe and have been able to, with difficulty, remove the central shaft to access to access some gears beneath it that were in need of work.
- 9) The Board of the National WWII Museum has voted to give the RMM a DUKW that has been in storage there. After assessment, it will be determined if it can be used for parts to restore the DUKW currently in the RMM .
- 10) John Deblieux with Chet Morrison presented the Foundation a \$3,000 donation.

Discussion of other matter: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by Billy Burrow to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.