

MINUTES

Shreveport Water Works Museum Governing Board
November 4, 2013

Attending:	Mary Durusau	Paul Williams	James Mohr	Jim Van Hook
	Jeff Little	Liz Swaine	Gary Fox	Conway Link
	Marilyn Joiner	George Bakowski	Dale Ward	Nettie Brown
	Russell Pedro	David Kunz		
Absent:	Stacy Brown	Cathy Williamson		

1. Draft minutes of August 5 meeting were approved with no changes.
2. February 3, 2014 was scheduled as date for next meeting. [Note: This date was later rescheduled to February 10.]
3. Mary Durusau gave the Board the report by Dorothy Krotzer with Building Conservation Associates that presented her findings and recommendations with regard to restoring the building's masonry. A general summary is that the building is in good condition overall, but there are specific areas with severe deterioration that need immediate attention.
4. Durusau discussed the recommendations from Forte & Tablada Engineers with regard to remediating the sinkhole on the north side of the pumphouse. The recommendations weren't very satisfying, and James Mohr and David Kunz offered to look into the problem themselves and consider providing "programmatic" guidance that the State's Facilities Management department could use to initiate work on the sinkhole.
5. Ward reported that the Preservation Society has applied with the Community Foundation for a \$45,000 grant that would be used with \$10,000 from the \$150,000 available in 2014 for repair of the south wall of the pumphouse.
6. The Board discussed collaborating with the Railroad Society to install a ride-able 7.5" gauge steam train on site. The idea was unanimously approved and a meeting will be sought with Secretary of State executive management to present the plan, identify problems, identify possible solutions to problems, and settle on a plan for proceeding.
7. Ward recapped highlights of museum operations in the third quarter with particular items of note being the addition of a second part-time employee to help operate the museum and the strong visitor attendance during 2013, which has surpassed 3,000 and is setting a new annual record.
8. Conway Link informed the Board that the annual meetings of the Louisiana Science Teachers Association and the Louisiana Association of Teachers of Mathematics will be in Shreveport during the fall of 2014. Conway proposed working on example academic exercises that could be used to arrange a field trip to the SWWM by the groups while they were here, and the Board encouraged him to proceed.

By: Dale E. Ward
Chairman of Governing Board