

TERREBONNE PARISH VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD
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Mr. Ed Pontiff

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2016

The meeting of the Terrebonne Parish 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 Tower at 8026 Main Street, Houma, LA.

Roll Call of the Board members:

Present were: Ken Royston, Will Theriot, Cliff Chaisson, C.J. Christ, Richard Ricca, Ed Domangue, Ray Lapeyrouse, Ed Pontiff, Kayla Duthu. Also present were Michel Claudet, Jerry Osborne with Foley and Judell, Arthur Defraites, Kandace Mauldin, Kayla Dupre and Debbie Guidry.

The Invocation was led by Richard Ricca.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Ken Royston

Motion by Will Theriot, seconded by Ray Lapeyrouse, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting. Motion passed.

A request was made for comments from the public. Mr. Michel Claudet, former Parish President, asked the Board to consider renaming the Veteran's Memorial Park located along HWY 311 to the "Roger Songe Veteran's Memorial Park" to honor his memory and his tireless effort in support of the veterans. Motion by Ed Domangue, seconded by Ed Pontiff requesting that the Parish Council consider renaming the Veteran's Memorial Park located along HWY 311 to the "Roger Songe Veteran's Memorial Park" to honor his memory and his tireless effort in support of the veterans. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Domangue, seconded by Kayla Duthu to approve the reimbursement to the Regional Military Museum for the bill list presented. Motion passed with C.J. Christ and Will Theriot abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Will Theriot, seconded by Kayla Duthu to approve the reimbursement to the Veteran Park for the bill list presented. Motion passed with Cliff Chiasson abstaining.

Motion by Will Theriot, seconded by Richard Ricca to approve the December financial report as presented by Kayla Dupre. Motion passed.

Motion by C.J. Christ, seconded by Will Theriot to adopt the resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election to authorize the renewal of the special tax. Motion passed.

Veterans Park Committee: Cliff Chaisson reported that only one bid was received, but others have been contacted regarding a water sprinkler system. After further Board discussion, motion by C.J. Christ, seconded by Ed Domangue to table until next meeting and to contact one more company. The decorative fence, needed light bulbs, flag replacement and clean up needed was also discussed.

Regional Military Museum Foundation: Reports from C.J. Christ and Will Theriot were discussed along with updates on the helicopter, field trip and the Christmas event.

Discussion of other matters: A motion by Will Theriot, seconded by Ray Lapeyrouse was made to deviate from the agenda to address a resolution to get State Bond Commission approval for the bond sale. Motion passed. Jerry Osborne with Foley and Judell was present to explain the bonds, borrowing money, bank agreements and penalties for repayment. There were no comments from the public regarding. Motion by Will Theriot, seconded by Ed Pontiff to move forward in getting State Bond Commission approval which retains the services of the municipal advisor, Arthur Defraites. Motion passed.

Ken Royston noted that a letter was sent to the Houma Courier, but never published to thank the public for voting to keep the millage. A copy of the letter was sent to the Times and published in the paper within a week.

Motion by Will Theriot, seconded by C.J. Christ to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.