

TERREBONNE PARISH VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD
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BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2020

The meeting of the Terrebonne Parish Veterans Memorial District was called to order by Mr. Ken Royston, President at 3:05 p.m. in the 1st floor of the Regional Military Museum.

Roll Call of Board Members by Cliff Chaisson: Present: Mr. Ken Royston, Mr. Cliff Chaisson, Mr. Herb Picou, Mr. Will Theriot, Mr. C.J. Christ; By Phone: Mr. James Tuttle; Absent: Mr. F. J. Matherne, Mr. Justin Giroir, Mrs. Kayla Duthu

We have a Quorum.

Invocation: Mr. Herb Picou

Pledge: Ken Royston

Approval of minutes of meeting July 16, 2020: Motion by Cliff Chaisson and second by Will Theriot to accept the minutes as prepared. Motion Carried.

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

Finance:

August 20, 2020 Bill Lists:

Outstanding invoices: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by C. J. Christ to approve the \$3,199.00 paid in outstanding Invoices. Motion Carried.

Regional Military Museum: Motion made by Cliff Chaisson and second by Herb Picou to reimburse the Regional Military Museum \$9,621.82. Motion Carried. Will Theriot and C. J. Christ abstain from voting.

Veteran's Memorial Park: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by Herb Picou to reimburse the Veteran's Memorial Park \$912.50. Motion Carried. Cliff Chaisson abstain from voting.

General Operating Fund 2020 Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2020:
\$288,660 (Available for O & M); \$153,344.00 (Expenditures)

Motion made by Will Theriot and second by Herb Picou to accept the reading of the Financial Reports as prepared by Kandace M. Mauldin; 08/19/2020. Motion Carried.

Resolution: Adopt the 2020 millage rate: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by James Tuttle to adopt the millage rate resolution at .49 mills. Motion Carried.

Veterans Park Committee: None

Regional Military Museum Foundation: Report by Mart Black:

- 1) RMMF's Executive Committee met to review 2021 budget proposal to be approved by RMMF Board on 08/09/2020 meeting & transmitted to Kandace to District for approval.
- 2) In-house repairs to man-lift, half of lights in Museum have been replaced. Lights purchased through a grant and burn less electricity. A dimmer feature installed on just 8 lights.
- 3) Great progress & functionality restored to the Link Trainer. This artifact will be moved into the Museum when completed & expected to be a popular attraction.
- 4) Minor work remains on the Lathe & will be completed after lights installation. They plan to sell this Lathe.
- 5) Restoration work on the LCVP will resume after lathe is repaired.
- 6). Dexter is actively pursuing grants. Richard is working on exhibit-building & exhibit maintenance.
- 7). RMM received a \$1000.00 donation from the estate of Ray Marcello to be used for Library where he worked until his death.
- 8). A 2004 Jeep donated by Mary Downer, we expect to clean up, make operational & sell. A 2005 Jeep donated by MG Hunt Downer will be put on Museum display & used in parades and static displays.
- 9). Working to secure antique licenses & insurance for all operational Jeeps that are used in parades and static displays.
- 10). Expect to have self-guide acoustic guide system operational for visitors by the end of the year or shortly thereafter.
- 11). Since our last board meeting, the Museum has had 121 visitors.
- 12). Have received a donation of four authentic WWII era maps from the WWII Museum in New Orleans.
- 13). The museum's website can now take payments for donations, memberships, & memorial bricks. You are encouraged to visit the website & subscribe to receive e-mail updates.
- 14). Any comments on the Strategic Plan that Mart Black handed out last month?

Mr. C.J. Christ reported that he had two interviews about the Museum and felt that they went very well.

Discussion of other matter: Ms. Kandace reported that the Government Tower is still closed to the public until phase 3 is reached. Also parking at the Museum for the handicap: After further discussion, parking cones could be placed out on the day and time for meeting allowing safe parking for handy accessible vehicles, then using new ramp into building. Call Museum once there if more help is needed.

Adjournment: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by C.J. Christ to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.