

TIOGA HERITAGE PARK & MUSEUM
Board of Directors

Meeting of August 20, 2015

The Historical Museum Board met on August 20, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. with the following present:

Pookie Ingram	Jimmie Lewis	John DuFour
Wayne Ryan	Michael Wynne	Melba LaCroix
Carolyn Hataway	Bubba Moreau	Jimmie Netherlin
Dennis Bordelon	Jeannette Downs	Betty Longino
Mary Durusau		

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Ryan.

Minutes of May 14, 2015 read and approved.

Update on museum problems:

- 1) When installed, PVC pipe will probably solve the air conditioner leak running under the building. Motion by Jimmie Lewis, seconded by Michael Wynne, to let John DuFour get the pipe and install it. The state will pay for it.
- 2) The police jury dug out the ditch in front of the museum which will probably solve our drainage problem.
- 3) Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson has completed the calculations to determine adequacy of each of the existing structural building components (roof deck, roof rafters, ceiling joists, columns, floor deck, floor joists and beams, shear walls and foundation pads). Now they are sketching the various details to fix the items that are inadequate by current codes. Mary spoke with Keith Hillman and they will be meeting with the contractor to review plans and details so that he understands what we are trying to achieve. Then the contractor will provide a construction cost estimate that will be included in the report. While he is doing that, MMLH will complete the narrative of the report. By October 1 the report should be submitted to Facility Planning.
- 4) The museum piers are another problem. They are not squared and estimates need to be made to see exactly what needs to be done. Everything depends on the state's finances. Roy O. Martin will contribute the wood. The study will cost approximately \$35,000.

Mary Durusau from the State Department gave us an update.

- 1) Legislature approved some old funding but finances still an issue.
- 2) Oil prices are down. Loss to state is significant and uncertain.
- 3) Melba LaCroix can now work 2 days a week.
- 4) Events can be held on museum grounds.
- 5) Small events can be held in the small communications building.
- 6) Total annual museum operations are approximately \$45,000.
- 7) State is still very cautious about expenditures.

There is still a concern about possible asbestos in the museum attic. The state has looked at it but unsure. It could possibly be just insulation.

The owner of the shotgun house across from the museum is in the National Guard in Arkansas. Bubba Moreau will check on true ownership, but it definitely needs to be inspected before a donation is made. Step 1 will be to check ownership, then have it inspected and decide where to locate it.

Our main concern is to keep an interest in the community about the commissary. Possibilities are:

- 1) Outside movie theater
- 2) Music, plays, etc.
- 3) Tailgate parties
- 4) Community and regional meetings
- 5) State events
- 6) Antique road show
- 7) Special family and community events could be held here.

The next board meeting will be in November.

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Wynne, and seconded by Jimmie Lewis. All members approved. Meeting adjourned.

Carolyn Hataway, Secretary

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