



LOUISIANA NAVAL WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION

305 River Road S, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Members Present:

H. Davis Cole, Chairman
Col. David W. Couvillon, Vice Chairman
Robert Hawthorne, Past Chairman
Les Nicholson, Commissioner
Roderick Wells, Commissioner
Donnie Miller, Commissioner (via conference call)

Members Absent:

Larry Muenzler, Treasurer
Karen St. Cyr, Secretary
Earnest Buckner, LDVA designee
Richard Brandt
Katie Pryor
Michael Vicari
C.J. Krueger
John Wells

Others Present:

Parks Stephenson, Executive Director
Todd Maulding, Business Manager

Call to Order:

At 4:00 pm, the meeting was called to order at the USS KIDD Veterans Museum by the Chairman, H. Davis Cole, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cole proceeded to the approval of the previous meeting minutes from the August 2023 Commission Meeting. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously via verbal vote.



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Agenda:

The Chairman/Commissioner, H. Davis Cole, announced that a quorum was present and asked the commissioners if there were any additions to be made to the agenda. Les Nicholson requested that two resolutions be added to the agenda as follows:

1. Resolution No. 2023-01: Resolution establishing a Selection Committee to evaluate and select a shipyard for the USS KIDD Hull Restoration Project.
2. Resolution No. 2023-02: Resolution establishing a Project Oversight Committee for the USS KIDD Hull Restoration Project.

Upon verbal vote, the addition of these items was unanimously approved by the full commission.

The next agenda item was approval of the meeting minutes from the last commission meeting held on August 10, 2023. Col. Couvillon moved to approve the meeting minutes (attached) as written by Secretary St. Cyr. Mr. Nicholson seconded that motion. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously via verbal vote.

The commission moved on to the next agenda items, Executive Reports:

1. Financial Report (by Todd Maulding):

Mr. Maulding presented the following reports (attached):

- a. LNWMC Budget vs. Actuals Report
- b. Statement of Financial Position

Mr. Maulding further presented three (3) options for the FY2024 budget for the LNWMC (attached). The three options were:

- a. 2024 Feb. 28 ship departure for dry dock
- b. 2024 May 1 ship departure for dry dock
- c. 2024 no ship departure for dry dock

After Mr. Maulding's presentation, Col. Couvillon moved for the adoption of Option C after stating that with the unknowns associated with the exact date of the ship departure, the budget would need to be amended as necessary when the exact date of the ship departure was known. Mr. Cole seconded that motion



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for adoption of Option C. The proposed Option C budget was approved unanimously via verbal vote.

2. Executive Director's Report (by Parks Stephenson):

Mr. Stephenson presented highlights of his written report (attached). Upon conclusion, Col. Couvillon suggested that the excavation of the bature surrounding the USS KIDD be explored as a possible revenue neutral solution to silt accumulation around the USS KIDD cradle which may hinder the extraction of the ship from the cradle. Mr. Stephenson agreed to explore the potential of this option.

The meeting continued on to the next agenda item, Committee Reports:

1. Project Development Committee (by Les Nicholson):

Mr. Nicholson presented highlights from his written report (attached). Two resolutions were presented by Mr. Nicholson as follows:

- a. Resolution No. 2023-01: Resolution establishing a Selection Committee to evaluate and select a shipyard for the USS KIDD Hull Restoration Project (see attached full resolution).

Mr. Hawthorne moved that the resolution be adopted and Mr. Cole seconded that motion. Upon verbal vote, Resolution No. 2023-01 passed with unanimous consent.

- b. Resolution No. 2023-02: Resolution establishing a Project Oversight Committee for the USS KIDD Hull Restoration Project (see attached full resolution).

Mr. Hawthorne moved that the resolution be adopted and Mr. Cole seconded that motion. Upon verbal vote, Resolution NO. 2023-02 passed with unanimous consent.

The next agenda item was New Business:

1. Election of Officers:



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The following slate of officers was presented to the Commission by Mr. Cole:

- a. Chairman: H. Davis Cole
- b. Vice Chairman: Col. David Couvillon
- c. Secretary: Donnie Miller
- d. Treasurer: Larry Muenzler
- e. At-Large Member: Les Nicholson

Mr. Cole offered a motion to elected the presented slate of officers and the motion was seconded by Mr. Nicholson. The presented slate of officers passed unanimously via verbal vote.

The next agenda item, Old Business, was taken up next by the Commission.

1. Establishment of an Emergency Operations Plan:

Les Nicholson and Bob Hawthorne reported that finalization of an Emergency Operations Plan was eminent and would be presented for ratification at the next Commission meeting.

With no additional business for the Commission to address, Mr. Nicholson moved that the meeting be adjourned. That motion was seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion passed with unanimous consent and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15pm.