

TERREBONNE PARISH VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD
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Mr. Ken Royston, President
Mr. Will Theriot, Vice-President
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Mrs. Kayla Duthu
Mr. C. J. Christ
Mr. Justin Giroir

Mr. James Tuttle
Mr. Herb Picou
Mr. F.J. Matherne

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 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 2nd 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; By Phone: Mrs. Kayla Duthu, Mr. James Tuttle; Absent: Mr. F. J. Matherne, Mr. C.J. Christ, Mr. Justin Giroir; We have a Quorum.

Invocation by Mr. Herb Picou

Pledge by: Ken Royston

Approval of minutes of meeting June 18, 2020: Correction made by Will Theriot stating that his name was omitted from the absent list of last month's minutes. Motion by Kayla Duthu and second by Herb Picou to accept the minutes after correction made. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None: Suzanne Peterson, Mr. Mart Black, and Dexter Babin were in attendance.

Finance:

July 16, 2020 Bill Lists: Outstanding invoices: Motion made by Kayla Duthu and second by Will Theriot to approve the \$27,789.00 paid in outstanding Invoices. Motion Carried. Regional Military Museum: Motion made by Kayla Duthu and second by Herb Picou to reimburse the Regional Military Museum \$13,298.03. Motion Carried. Will Theriot abstain from voting. Veterans Memorial Park: No bills

General Operating Fund 2020 Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2020: \$275,992.00 (Available for O & M); \$135,954.00 (Expenditures); Motion made by Kayla Duthu and second by Will Theriot to accept the reading of the Financial Reports as prepared by Kandace M. Mauldin; 07/14/2020. Motion Carried.

Mr. Mart Black ask a question about “Debt Services” and was told that Yes, those figures could be found on the first page of the General Operating Fund Handout.

2019 Audit Report: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by Herb Picou to accept the 2019 audited financial report. Motion Carried.

Veterans Park Committee: Kayla Duthu asked about replacement of board member Justin Giroir and we were told the Terrebonne Parish Council hadn’t put anything on their agenda yet.

Regional Military Museum Foundation: Report by Mart Black -

- 1) Breakroom painted by RMM volunteers w/ donated paint. New chairs to replace old ones.
- 2) RMM received a \$2,000 grant from Telephone Pioneers thanks Mr. Lynn Fields, & volunteers will work on something around RMM, possibly the military radios for exhibit.
- 3) Weren’t selected for NEH grant but Dexter is in process of completing & submitting another grant application for \$7,000 for exhibit development.
- 4) Had 94 visitors at RMM since the last TPVMD meeting.
- 5) RMMF board & its committees starting a budgeting process so we can submit to the parish for your re-view & approval.
- 6) RMMF board has begun strategic planning effort to have an approved draft for the Annual Meeting in February.
- 7) Working on new membership classifications / couple’s category for a bit more money.
- 8) Lathe: One small piece needs to be machined then can be sold.
- 9) Volunteers in the Shop working diligently on restoring the Link Trainer. Might take a while, want to put on display in RMM.
- 10) New Lights received for gallery (paid through a grant). Waiting for hangers (which also purchased through grant) & some minor repairs to man lift to ensure save operation, & we’ll be able to make lighting improvements.
- 11) Thanks to additional approved funds by this board, we repaired the a/c units in RMM which are working fine.
- 12) RMMF board is looking into corporate sponsorship for each rolling artifacts (Jeeps, Scorpion, Tracked Vehicle, LCVP, etc.). This would raise money annually for repair & upkeep of equipment & afford advertising opportunities for corporate sponsors.
- 13) RMM staff continues COVID-19 cleaning each morning before opening and after closing.

Herb Picou asked about membership; More or less from last year; last year 300 to 350 / this year 250; Tours from last year compared to this year; slower but Covid –19 has played a part in this. Plans to Promote the Museum — Yes

Discussion of other Matters: Ms. Kandace reports that next month’s Terrebonne Parish Veterans’ Memorial District Board Meeting will be held at the Government Tower 1st Floor. A vote will also be taken on where the next meeting / meetings will be held.

Adjournment: Motion made by Will Theriot and second by Kayla Duthu to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.