

**LOUISIANA STATE OIL & GAS MUSEUM
GOVERNIG BOARD & FRIENDS MEETING
April 12, 20012**

Meeting was called to order by President Todd Hopkins. Governing board members in attendance were Dainne Chance, Greg Hall, Judy Sneed, Joe Sepulvado and Jane Maddox Absent were Leon Fitzgerald Brown, Harry King, and Jack Shuey Friends board members in attendance were Billie Van Hoose, Patsy Hartzo, Patricia Kennedy, Pam Boddie, T.J. Boddie, Marty Wooldridge.

Minutes of January meeting were approved, motion by Joe Sepulvado and seconded by Judy Sneed; Motion carried.

New Business:

A discussion on the proposal submitted from the Mayor of Oil City was discussed. There was great concern from many of what it would mean not having that property for future expansion and displays. There was also concern of creating a park area that would be adjacent to museum but would be unlit and not secured with fencing. There were some pluses in that the Friends would not have to pay for the cutting of grass four times a year and that they would no longer have to carry liability insurance on that piece of property.

The board has that the Mayor be invited back to discuss other options and to make sure the town has been fully approved for the grant in question.

The board was reminded of the Gusher Days Festival during the third weekend of May.

There was discussion of the proposed cuts the State of Louisiana may make to the museum and how the proposed reduced hours might affect the citizens and users of the facility. The board stated they would make contact with our local legislative delegation to work to keep our museum open and funded.

Museum director Coe McKenzie gave a brief update on happenings in the museum over the last three months. Coe stated that the number of users have stated steady over the last few months but was concerned with the proposed hour changes those numbers could potentially dip.

There being no new business, meeting was adjourned at 7:06p.m.