**Trust Fund Meeting**

**August 14, 2014**

TERRY CAMARDELLE: Call meeting to order, blind vendors trust fund board is what it's called. Roll call of committee members, I'm Terry Camardelle New Orleans.

FRANK GAFFNEY: I'm Frank Gaffney, Shreveport.

LEE FRAZIER: Lee Frazier, Fort Polk.

PATRICK BABIN: Patrick Babin, Baton Rouge.

SHELLY LEJEUNE: Shelly LeJeune, Baton Rouge.

JOHN BURT: John Burt, New Orleans.

HERBERT READO: Herbert Reado, New Orleans.

TERRY CAMARDELLE: Review of the agenda. Everybody should have an agenda in front of them. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting?

PATRICK BABIN: I make a motion we approve the minutes from the last meeting.

TERRY CAMARDELLE: Frank seconds. All in favor? Under new business is the trust fund monthly income and disbursements which you should have a copy again. The trust fund ballot. Everybody should have that, if you haven't studied it find something want to talk about let me know. Not much you can do about it.

SPEAKER: Can you read the balance out loud?

STEVEN DEBRUHL: Current balance August 13th 2014 744,129 dollars. Expenditures last month spent 11,900 dollars and took in 27,000 dollars. Year to date from July 434,000. Collection 405,000.

SPEAKER: Is that included all the stipends?

JOHN BURT: We're losing about 20,000?

KEVIN MONK: Y'all realize it really depends on what we do during the year. If you open up a big location you may go down, if you don't really open up any locations, or you do stuff, then you might gain a few dollars. It just depends on what we do.

STEVEN DEBRUHL: Average 27 28,000 a month without Blackstone. In May collected 53,000 which was part of their contribution.

KEVIN MONK: I was told when I went to Fort Polk they're having record troop rotations.

TERRY CAMARDELLE: I thought they were shutting it down?

KEVIN MONK: I thought so too.

LEE FRAZIER: The base is enlarging itself, new PX's, all new storage and everything. They're not going to spend 50 million dollars and then close it down.

TERRY CAMARDELLE: I didn't think they were closing it down, I thought the troop count was going down.

LEE FRAZIER: I'll tell you this, I got a text last night when I was in California that they just transferred 15,000 out and by Sunday of next have 12,000 back here. Very good for business.

JOHN BURT: What happens if at the end of these five years and Lee decides to run the show without a teaming partner do we lose that 120,000 a year?

LEE FRAZIER: It all depends. I am being trained to run it independently, but I haven't made that decision and Joe and I spoke about this yesterday before leaving California.

JOHN BURT: I want to help make a decision too that we don't lose that. I'd rather the state get their own teaming partner out there. And I know we could do that at the end of this five years. I know RSA is kind of against that, RSA ain't paying bills down here. Now we can't force to go to set aside cause then we all got to go to set aside. We pay 1 percent and he pays 75 percent. And I'm going to ask you a question, does the manager at Fort Polk get to independently make that decision without y'alls approval?

KEVIN MONK: We will have to run it through.

JOHN BURT: I would hurry up and run it through cause he ain't out there doing training for nothing.

STEVEN DEBRUHL: People should be training. There's no such thing as training for nothing.

JOHN BURT: You plan for the worse and hope for the best and reality is in the middle somewhere. This is already a situation where arbitration ain't over with yet, and I don't guess it's going to get over with. Here we got somebody that's got a location, in my opinion, should have never had it to start with, and now we're going to turn around the whole deal was we have to pay all this money and get a 120,000 dollars a year off of it.

LEE FRAZIER: It's all irrelevant. Crying over spilled milk.

JOHN BURT: I'm worried about you going out with the same professionalism you had at Sowela doing the same crap out there at Fort Polk and we have to go to set aside because you want more money.

LEE FRAZIER: That would not affect my income. I'm the only one in the state paying the set aside.

JOHN BURT: You ain't paying anything, your teaming partner.

LEE FRAZIER: My teaming partner agreed to do it.

JOHN BURT: So it's not coming out of your pay?

LEE FRAZIER: Not as of yet.

JOHN BURT: Exactly.

LEE FRAZIER: Complaining about set asides.

JOHN BURT: I'm not complaining about set asides. How much longer is the contract, you got what, three years left?

LEE FRAZIER: I got three years left.

JOHN BURT: So in three years we can lose money that's fueling the thing right now to pay our stipend.

LEE FRAZIER: You very well may.

JOHN BURT: Exactly. So it's a problem for the committee to know that some of our income is going to be taken away.

LEE FRAZIER: Could be. It's a discussion that has no answer at this time so talking anymore about it is not going to fix anything.

JOHN BURT: It just pisses you off, but I don't give a damn.

FRANK GAFFNEY: I make a motion to adjourn.

TERRY CAMARDELLE: All those in favor? Same here.