

MINUTES  
Shreveport Water Works Museum Governing Board  
May 9, 2016

Attending: Marilyn Joiner    Liz Swaine    Jeff Little    James Mohr    Paul Williams  
                 Jim Van Hook    James Mohr    Dale Ward    Gary Fox    Cathy Williamson

1. Draft minutes of February 1 meeting were approved with no changes.
2. Next meeting was scheduled for August 15 at 5pm at the museum.
3. The current situation in the Legislature with regard to providing funding for museums in the 2016-2017 fiscal year was discussed. Money is being included in the draft budget to operate at about the same level as in this fiscal year. The board once again discussed the strong need for a second part-time employee to support the operation of the museum and approved continuing to seek approval to hire someone. There is an informal agreement amongst the leadership in Baton Rouge to pursue transferring the SWWM and other museums under the Secretary of State to the Lieutenant Governor in the next session of the Legislature. Feedback from the Lt. Governor is that as a matter of policy, the Dept. of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism wants their museums to be accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The SWWM can't presently even be considered for the accreditation process due to lack of a staff director. It would probably help promote the transfer to DCRT if at least some preliminary progress toward accreditation could be cited and some ideas to start this were discussed.
4. There has been no action as yet to reappoint the SWWM governing board, so the present board will continue to serve until that is done.
5. The May 7 Food Trucks At The Museum event was a big success and brought in over 500 visitors for the day. The board discussed how things went and made note of some ideas to incorporate into such an event in the future. Everyone agreed that we should repeat the format, perhaps in the fall or next spring.
6. The status of repair work was discussed on the filter room steps and the roof leak in the office. Paul Williams is investigating an area of erosion adjacent to the wooden bayou viewing deck.

By: *Liz Swaine*  
Secretary