## **BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2011**

The meeting of the Terrebonne Veterans Memorial District Board was called to order by Ken Royston, Chairman of the Board, at 1630 hours in the meeting room on the  $6^{th}$  floor of the Government Towers at 8006 Main St., Houma, La.

The invocation was led by Edward Pontiff

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Royston.

Roll Call of Board Members

Present were : Ken Royston, Will Theriot, John Hebert, C.J. Christ, Hymel Henry, Louise Moore, Edward Pontiff; Absent: Louis Ruffin. Also present was Roger Songe, Tom Watkins, and Arthur DeFraites.

Motion by C.J. Christ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edward Pontiff to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Approved by the Board

Election of Officers:

Motion by C.J. Christ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Theriot for a unanimous acclamation of present officers to serve for one year term. Approved by Board

Consideration of requesting permission from Parish Council to purchase property to expand the Regional Military Museum:

Information provided by C.J. Christ:

Bond money should be available in 3 to 4 months. It would double the Museum property. State Law requires that the asking price not be more than the appraised price. The property appraised for \$346,500.00. The price of said property has been reduced for a quick sale for \$300,000.00. A survey for hazardous material has been done and there was none found. New AC units have been installed. Some electrical wiring needs to done as well replacements of the hot water heaters, Also some minor roof repairs will have to be done. Rough estimates for repairs would be around \$50,000.00 to bring the building up to code.

Earnest Money of \$3000.00 for purchase of property with monthly rent of \$1000.00 (of which \$500.00 would go toward the purchase price) would be paid to the Willard A. Ellender, Inc.

The Parish Council has been notified by Ken Royston and the District must

have their approval to act on this purchase.

Motion by Will Theriot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hymel Henry to purchase said property with the approval of the Terrebonne Parish Council. Approved by Board

Motion by Will Theriot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edward Pontiff for Board approval for Ken Royston to enter into a purchase agreement. Approved by Board.

Future Projects of the Veterans Memorial District:

Roger Songe requested that the Board make the placement of a bulkhead at Veterans Park a priority. A request was made for a dollar commitment, with bids and blueprints to be provided to the Board so that the Board could meet with the Parish Council and request their help with this project.

Motion by C.J. Christ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Will Theriot to amend Agenda. Approved by Board.

Motion by Will Theriot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by C.J. Christ for the Regional Military Museum Foundation to loan the Terrebonne Parish Veterans Memorial District \$3000.00 (not to exceed \$7000.00) for said Earnest Money for property purchase and rents to be paid back contingent with the sales of Bonds. Approved by Board.

Motion by Will Theriot 2<sup>nd</sup> by C.J. Christ for Terrebonne Parish Veterans Memorial District to reimburse the Regional Military Museum Foundation for legal fees contingent with the sales of Bonds. Approved by Board.

Motion by C.J. Christ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Pontiff to return to business and adjourn meeting. Approved by Board. Meeting adjoined at 1830 Hours.