

**BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2011**

The meeting of the Terrebonne Veterans Memorial District Board was called to order by Ken Royston, Chairman of the Board, at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Government Towers at 8006 Main St., Houma, La.

The invocation was led by Louis Ruffin.

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, Louis Ruffin and Lee Shaffer (Arrived at 5:45). Also present was Roger Songe, Tom Watkins, and Arthur DeFraitais and Jamie Elfert.

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

Motion by Louise Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. J. Christ that the District establish its regular monthly meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Meeting Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Government Tower. Approved by Board.

Motion by Louise Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hymel Henry that the Houma Courier be designated as the Official Journal of the Terrebonne Parish Memorial District. Approved by the Board.

Roger Songe presented information on Veterans Park with a bid on bulk heading along Little Bayou Black. So far one bid of \$569,137 from Frisco Construction Co. has been received. The Parish will have to put it up to a public bid according to Jamie Elfert. Also Mr. Songe made a request to include in the Budget \$20,000.00 for yearly maintenance at the Park.

Motion by C. J. Christ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hymel Henry that this information be taken under advisement. Approved by the Board.

Ken Royston informed the Board that the Board of Bond Public Hearing will

take place on March 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Conference Room on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Government Towers.

Ken Royston recommended that the agenda be amended to discuss and take action on the selection of a bank and authorize the opening of a bank account. It was decided to postpone this until the next meeting.

Ken Royston informed the Board that a Federal Tax Identification number has been applied for.

Motion by Will Theriot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hymel Henry to amend Agenda to take action on revisions to the By-laws. Approved by Board.

Motion by Will Theriot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Pontiff that a notice be sent to the Board members recommending that the By-laws of the Veterans District be amended at the next meeting of the Board. Approved by the Board

Motion by Louise Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Shaffer to delay until next meeting the discussion on the adoption of an “Investment Policy” for the District. Approved by the Board.

Motion by Will Theriot; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Pontiff to amend Agenda to discuss the financial advances made by the Regional Military Museum Foundation to the District. Approved by the Board.

Motion by Louise Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Shaffer that a list of the advances from the Foundation be accepted and included in the minutes of the District to be reimbursed as such time as funds are available. Approved by the Board.

Tom Watkins gave a talk on the Code of Ethics concerning a “substantial economic interest” when a District Commissioner is also a Director of a Foundation.

Arthur DeFraités handed out Personal Financial Disclosure Statements to the Board Members which must be filled out and returned to the Louisiana Board of Ethics by May 15 of each year.

Motion by Ed Pontiff; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hymel Henry to adjourn meeting. Approved by Board. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.