

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004  
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT (WARD 10) OF THE PARISH OF LAFOURCHE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004, AT 6:30 P.M. PRECEDING THE PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND LOUISIANA.

Mr. Brent Callais, Chairman, stated that the Veterans' Memorial District (Ward 10) was ready for the transaction of business. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tyrone Williams  
Mr. Michael Delatte  
Mr. Michael Matherne  
Mr. Tommy Lasseigne  
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II  
Mr. Brent Callais—Chairman  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine—Co-Chairman

**ABSENT:** NONE

Mr. Michael Matherne led the Veterans' Memorial District and members of the audience in an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Daniel Lorraine.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The first item (1) on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of March 8, 2004, Veterans' Memorial District meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, and **approved** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays with the absence of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

The next item (2) on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the March 23, 2004, Veterans' Memorial District meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, **seconded** by Mr. Michael Matherne, and **approved** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays with the absence of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

The next item (3) on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the May 25, 2004, Veterans' Memorial District meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, **seconded** by Mr. Michael Matherne, and **approved** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays with the absence of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

## MOTIONS

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to approve the recommendation of the Veteran's Memorial District Land Subcommittee regarding the land proposal. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Lorraine stated the land subcommittee met twice on July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>, and it was advertised in the Official Journal for property. At the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting there was a lengthy discussion about the proposals and most of the property proposals that were submitted. Then, on July 6<sup>th</sup>, all of the Committee members visited the sites. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Committee met again and voted unanimously in favor of their recommendation. Mr. Henri Boulet, Director of the Bayou Civic Club, clarified his proposal. He said that it stated that the BCC was prepared to offer a sight for a dollar, to the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward Veterans' Memorial District. He stated that it was unclear if the parish wanted parking. He offered a plan for parking and if that is what the District wants, the BCC is willing to assist in paying for it. The last part of that proposal stated that the BCC would share in the funding of a major parking lot at 50%. He further stated, that is what the \$20,000 is referencing, a \$10,000 per year match over ten years. He stated that they would be willing to work with the District if they need more property. Mr. Boulet also would like the Council to know that they are working on some programs that could complement a memorial, including a major Federal Land and Water Conservation Project in cooperation with the Louisiana Office of State Parks. He stated that it would be a birding, fishing, and nature trail that would be on 105 acres currently bordering our park. The BCC received initial paperwork from the state announcing that they have been funded this year for 50% of the funds needed to acquire the property. Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated that he would like to move on and hopes the Council takes the recommendation that was made. The motion was **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays with the absence of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to authorize the Chairman to negotiate for the recommended land proposal. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays with the absence of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

## RESOLUTIONS

The next item (6) on the agenda was a resolution adopting an official logo. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to **defer** this item to the next Veterans' Memorial District meeting, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and zero (0) nays with the absence of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

Mr Tyrone Williams entered the meeting at 6:45 PM.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the assistance of local State Representatives to take appropriate action to rename Louisiana Highway 3235 as "Veteran's Memorial Boulevard". A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to **defer** this item to the next Veteran's Memorial District meeting, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next item (8) on the agenda was any other business to be addressed. Mr. Brent Callais stated that he had an updated bank statement for the Veteran's Memorial District. Currently, there are \$10,544 of outstanding bills that have to be paid soon; that will leave a balance of \$739,455 in the bank account. Approximately \$220,000 of revenue a year is expected from the millage, average debt service will be around \$90,000 a year; so it is projected to have about \$130,000 budgeted for the next ten years.

### **ADJOURN**

On **motion** by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Veterans' Memorial District (Ward 10) of July 13, 2004, **adjourned** at 6:50 P.M.

**BRENT CALLAIS, CHAIRMAN  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT (WARD 10)**

**PHILLIP GOUAUX, SECRETARY  
VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT (WARD 10)**