

**Minutes of the  
Veterans Memorial Board  
Held at: American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7  
2311 Legion Avenue  
On: April 17, 2013 at: 4:00 pm**

**Voting Members Present:**

Joe Epstein	Chairman
James Dickman	Co-Chair
Paul Hill	Member
Geri Cunningham	Member

**Voting Members Absent:**

Mario Salinas	Member
Bill Hollenkamp	Member
Charlie Daniell	Member

**Board Secretary Absent:**

Luis Renteria	Parks Superintendent
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**Other Members Present:**

Patrick Cass	Field Maintenance Superintendent
Melinda Rountree	Public Works Executive Secretary

**1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll call of those present was taken by Joe Epstein. It was determined that a quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF April 17, 2013**

The motion was made by James Dickman and seconded by Paul Hill to approve the agenda of the April 17, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Geri Cunningham,

No – None

Absent – Charlie Daniell, Mario Salinas, Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2013 REGULAR MEETING**

The motion was made by James Dickman and seconded by Paul Hill to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Geri Cunningham,

No – None

Absent – Charlie Daniell, Mario Salinas, Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

#### **4. VETERANS PARK ACTIVITIES:**

Joe Epstein said the Bataan Stone will list 135 veterans from Eddy County that were on Bataan. He said the Board has received additional donations to fund the stone; so far they have about \$900-\$1,000 in donations for this stone. Joe said there will be another donation coming in which will put the over \$1,000. Joe said he is hoping that the stone will be done by Memorial Day but there is no guarantee it will.

Joe said they don't have a date yet, but hopefully around June or July they will plan on getting the M42 Duster. The Duster is coming from the Military History Center (MHC) they will retain ownership of it, but the Veterans Board has to maintain the site where it will be kept. MHC will retain the responsibility for any maintenance and updates that are needed. This will be a long term loan to the Veterans Park as long as it is kept up. Joe said Southeast Redi-Mix will be donating four large concrete stones that will be used as a pedestal for the duster. The stones will be stacked two high surrounded by a six foot fence. Joe said the cameras will also be installed before the duster gets here. The committee will have a dedication ceremony which will include inviting Governor Suzanna Martinez (on her schedule). Those people who live in Eddy County who have been trained on the Duster will be invited as special guest. Joe said he talked to Adon Rodriguez and George Brantley and they are two who have been trained. Joe said Adon is also working on getting him more names.

Joe said the Construction Department at Public Works is preparing the new flagpole for installation. The Carlsbad Army Airfield (CAAF) flagpole stones will be installed around the base of the flagpole.

Joe said the vault from CAAF for the Norden Bombsight is being examined for possible movement to the Veterans Park. The vault is currently located by the Airport Terminal and will have to travel north on Canal St., turn left on Greene St. and right on James St. If moved to the park it will be kept locked and only be open during special events.

#### **5. FINICIAL STATUS:**

Joe said the board received four donations for the Bataan Stone and issued invoices for two plaques: Neal (WCB) and NMSU-C. The two plaques will be paid by the donations made by the sponsors. The invoices for the commemorative bricks will pay for themselves leaving a very small profit. The only outstanding cast is the Bataan Stone, and right now the cost is greater than donations received, and if needed the balance can be paid out of the reserve funds.

#### **6. DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP:**

Joe told the members to continue soliciting for donations.

#### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 4:00pm at the American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7, located at 2311 Legion Avenue.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by James Dickman and seconded by Paul Hill to adjourn. The vote was as follows:

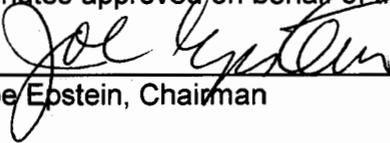
Yes – Joe Epstein, Geri Cunningham,

No – None

Absent – Charlie Daniell, Mario Salinas, Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

Minutes approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:

 5/22/2013  
Joe Epstein, Chairman Date