

**The Republic of West Florida Historical Association
Meeting Notice**

Monday, January 9, 2012

8:00 am

**Old Centenary Inn
Jackson, LA**

Please RSVP to Wanda 634-7397

**Republic of West Florida Historic Association Board Meeting Minutes
<달>December 12, 2011**

Members Present:

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| Scotty Dawson | Andy Martin |
| Wanda Henderson | Al Saltus |
| Stewart Hughes | Jim Hendrickson |
| Mike Salmon | Martin McDiarmid |
| Charley Beene | |

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Mike Salmon
Minutes of meeting of November 14, 2011 were approved.

New Business:

Mike stated that Board of Directors are elected by the general membership and so all present at the meeting are considered elected new Board of Directors. Vote was taken and passed.

Mike asked for volunteer to head up a Membership Committee. Needed for next meeting.

Old Business:

Martin will meet with Wanda to discuss the current checking accounts being used by the RWFHA. It was decided that there needs to be 3 authorized signers for the checking account and each check written on that account will need 2 signatures.

Resolution was made to write Leroy Harvey a letter of thanks for the large sum of money donated to pay off existing loans at Highlands Bank. It was passed unanimously. Stewart was asked to write the letter.

Stewart gave report on ownership of tracts of land that the railroad tracks are located on. Blalock tract original agreement was set of for 10 years and will have to be renewed. Most other tracts owned by the state and the Harveys.

Charley knows of a boiler company out of New Orleans that he will contact and try to get them to come out and look at the boiler after the first of the year. Also asked questions

concerning the gas engine and what needs to be done to get it running safely, as a possibility of using it to pull passenger cars until the engine can be restored.

Jim discussed the different ways to raise money. Donations and grants being the best ways. He will start to look into any grants that we may qualify for. Concerning donations, especially corporate donations he raised the question if we are a Certified 501 c 3 organization. It would make a difference in corporate donations. Mike mentioned another way of raising funds is by selling memberships.

A publicity plan was discussed. Andy was asked to write up a plan that can be executed in stages, bringing the first stage to the next meeting.

Next meeting – February 13, 2012