



TERREBONNE PARISH VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

% 1154 BARROW ST. HOUMA, LA 70360

LOCATION OF THIS MEETING: Terrebonne Parish Library Main Branch

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Mr. George Bourg, President
Mr. Herb Picou, Vice-President
Mr. Riley Gros, Sec/Treas

Ms. Anne Parr
Mr. Ronald Lambert
Mr. Michael Sears

Mr. Gus Marie
Mr. Jimmy Truitt
Mr. Gilbert Dardar, Jr.

Board Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Terrebonne Parish Veterans Memorial District was called to order by Mr. Herb Picou, 3:00 PM. at the Terrebonne Parish Main Library on Library Drive, Houma, LA 70360

Roll Call of Board Members: Mr. George Bourg (3:10 PM), Mr. Herb Picou, Mr. Riley Gros, Ms. Anne Parr, Mr. Ronald Lambert, Mr. Michael Sears (3:05 PM), Mr. Gus Marie, Mr. Jimmy Truitt, and Mr. Gilbert Dardar, Jr. There was a quorum present. Also in attendance were Ms. Sonja Labat, bookkeeper, Ms. Linda Theriot, Foundation Secretary/Executive Director, and the Recording Secretary for the District and Mr. Richard Cosse, Exhibits manager Regional Military Museum Foundation.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Picou said the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve reimbursements of \$13,682.18, for August 2025 Foundation invoices, seconded by Mr. Marie, and approved without any objections.

Mr. Gros made a motion to approve reimbursements for August 2025 Memorial Park invoices, seconded by Mr. Truitt and approved without any objections.

Ms. Labat gave an update on the LAMP account and on the budget. *Mr. Gros made a motion to approve Ms. Labat's report on the finances, seconded by Mr. Truitt and approved without any objections.*

Mr. Gros made a motion to approve the agenda for September 18, 2025, seconded by Mr. Truitt and approved without any objections.

Mr. Gros made a motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2025, seconded by Mr. Truitt and approved without any objections.

OLD BUSINESS

All projects involving payments are tabled until funding is available. Ms. Labat reported funding will be available sometimes after January 11/12, 2026.

Mr. Gros made a motion that the Accounting and Financial Policies and Procedures needs to have the word "operate" removed and the limit that the Foundation can approve without the consent of the district be adjusted from \$1,500 to \$10,000, seconded by Mr. Lambert, and approved without any objections.

Mr. Marie made a motion to table the report regarding the Accounting and Financial Policies and Procedures, seconded by Ms. Parr, and approved without any objections.

Veterans Park Report: Mr. Picou said everyone agreed that the quotes for tree trimming were out of sight and that Mr. Bourg will head up a group of volunteers to trim the trees at the Veterans Park. For the record Ms. Theriot reported that the official name of the park is “Veterans Park Inc”.

Mr. Gros made a motion that Mr. Bourg get a volunteer group to trim trees at Veterans Park, Inc, seconded by Mr. Dardar, and approved without any objection.

Mr. Picou asked Mr. Gros if he could get a quote from TARC for grass cutting on the properties of the museum.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marie made a motion to move the monthly meeting time from 3PM to 5:30 PM, same Thursday just a time change, seconded by Mr. Truitt and approved without any objections.

Veterans Park, Inc. report: Mr. John Hebert reported that 3 tiles were installed last month on the park property. Mr. Bourg reported that the grass cutting at the park will remain by continuing to use TARC.

Regional Military Museum report: Mr. Gros read the highlights of the monthly report. (See Attachment 09182025 p1-2)

Mr. Lambert made a motion to deviate to add any matters to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Truitt, and approved without any objections.

Mr. Lambert reported he had a problem with how the weekly payroll and the IRA contribution were paid by the museum. Mr. Lambert said according to the IRS you must include the IRA as part of the gross payroll. He handed out paperwork showing how the payroll should be paid. Mr. Bourg thought this problem should be resolved by Ms. Labat (museum bookkeeper) at the museum, not the district. Mr. Lambert wants to go on record that in the future he will not approve of the payroll unless this matter is resolved. Both Ms. Labat and Mr. Lambert said they would check with Mr. Pernelle Pellegrin (CPA) regarding this matter.

Mr. Bourg asked Ms. Labat if the district was on schedule regarding the budget, Ms. Labat said if they continued to pay the normal operating expenses everything would be fine. She said there was no funding for extra projects until next year.

Mr. Gros made a motion to deviate to the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears, and approved without and objections.

There being no further business to come before the board, ***Mr. Gros made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Truitt and approved without any objections.***

The next board meeting will be held on October 16, **at the new time of 5:30 PM at the library.**

Riley Gros, District Secretary/Treasurer
Linda Theriot, Recording Secretary for the District