



TERREBONNE PARISH VETERANS' MEMORIAL DISTRICT BOARD
1154 Barrow Street, Houma, Louisiana 70360

Minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting

The Terrebonne Parish Veterans' Memorial District Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at the Regional Military Museum beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present: George Bourg, Riley Gros, Anne Parr, Gus Marie, Herb Picou, Kenneth St. Germaine, Michael Sears, Jimmy Truitt, Kim Lirette (joined at 5:45 p.m.).

Board members absent: (none)

Guests in attendance: John Hebert, Mike Lawson, Steven Domangue.

- I. **Welcome and Call to order** [George].
- II. **Roll call.** Quorum established [Herb].
- III. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** [Herb].
- IV. **Public comments.** Call for speaker cards. None. Introduction of Mike Lawson.
- V. **Fiscal Matters.** Review of balance sheet. We have received the annual allocation from the state. Amount available for 2026 projects is \$125,000. Discussion of parking lot asphalt. Motion made and passed to accept the financial report [Riley/Herb]. Park reimbursement of \$180 presented and approved [Riley/Gus]. LAMP accounts reviewed for accuracy and approved [Mike/Jimmy]. Regional Military Museum Foundation reimbursement request presented and approved [Riley/Jimmy].
- VI. **Annual Ethics & Compliance Training.** All board members are reminded to complete the Governmental Ethics and Sexual Harassment online training. Email your certificates to Anne or print and bring to next meeting.
- VII. **Old Business/Projects.** Bids for west wall replacement moved to next month's agenda because we have only one bid [Mike/Gus]. Motion to break up door project and pipe removal into separate jobs [Mike/Gus]. To insulate/fireproof the overhead door will cost \$31,700 as quoted by Delta Door. Motion passed for George to solicit bids and email bids to board members for replacement of the exterior door or to insulate the door to make fireproof [Riley/Mike]. Motion passed to solicit bids to repair inside wall [Herb/Jimmy]. Roll-up door may not be able to be made fireproof. Kenneth offered to help get quotes and find a handyman. Removal of 20 steel pipes can be accomplished by Jimmy with help from the staff and board members. Mike will help. [KIM LIRETTE ARRIVED.] Discussion of table/chair storage. Motion to table bids for storage building until next month [Gus/Kenneth]. Certificate of occupation means the building met code. George: If we move some WWII items upstairs to the second floor, then tables/chairs can be stored inside the museum to

- save the cost of a storage building. Motion passed to contact fire marshal and report back at March meeting [Mike/Gus].
- VIII. **New Business.** Board evaluated the feasibility of initiating a GoFundMe campaign to reach new donors. No action taken.
- IX. **Museum Executive Report.** January 2026 report presented by Riley. Visitors 265. Community service workers help to keep the property clean. Interns. Security cameras. Coast Guard used the facility. Carl T. Detiveaux Park discussed. The museum is very appreciative of the Detiveaux family's involvement and support. Trying to get a tank. Mike/Gus motion to approve museum report.
- X. **Veterans' Park Report** for January 2026 presented by John Hebert. Three more tiles came in and will be put in place. Loose tiles will be fixed.
- XI. **Announcements.** The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at the Regional Military Museum at 5:30 p.m.
- XII. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion passed to adjourn [Riley/Jimmy] at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Anne Parr [Secretary/Treasurer]