



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

Minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting

The Terrebonne Parish Veterans' Memorial District Board held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Regional Military Museum beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Board members present: George Bourg, Riley Gros, Anne Parr, Kenneth St. Germaine, Gus Marie, Michael Sears, Jimmy Truitt, Kim Lirette.

Board members absent: None.

- I. **Welcome and Call to order** [George].
- II. **Roll call.** Quorum established [George].
- III. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** [Riley].
- IV. **Public comments.** The chair called for speaker cards. None were received.
- V. **Dispense with reading of the minutes from the last meeting.** [Riley/Gus]
- VI. **Financial Report & Fiscal Matters.** Kenneth reviewed the LAMP report. All financial reports prepared by the accountant, Sonja Labat, were approved [Riley/Mike]. RMM expense reimbursement approved [Mike/Jimmy]. Park reimbursement approved [Riley/Jimmy].
- VII. **Annual Ethics & Compliance Training.** Board members are reminded to complete the Governmental Ethics and Sexual Harassment online training. Email your certificates to Anne.
- VIII. **Old Business/Projects.** Contract signed for repairs to the interior wall with work to begin 5/26/26. Storage building is not in the budget for now. Pipe removal complete. Anne will research the appropriate method for requesting highway directional signs for the Veterans Park, for eastbound and westbound travelers on U.S. Highway 90.
- IX. **New Business.** Kenneth moved to adopt the millage rate. The Millage Rate Resolution was read aloud and the roll was called on its adoption. The vote was as follows: Yeas (8) Nays (0) Abstained (0) Absent (0). George Bourg then signed the Resolution adopting the millage rate.

Other new business: A letter of resignation from Urban "Herb" Picou to the Terrebonne Parish Council was read aloud by Anne for inclusion in the District Board's official records. Riley moved that a Certificate of Appreciation be presented to Mr. Picou in recognition of his leadership and service, and the motion was seconded by Jimmy. The motion carried unanimously. The Board President then

called upon Linda Theriot, museum volunteer, to provide information in response to a question from the Board concerning the procedure for filling the Board vacancy.

Jimmy announced that a forklift would be donated to the Museum during the upcoming week.

- X. **Museum Executive Report.** Presented by Riley Gros.
- XI. **Veterans' Park Report.** None presented.
- XII. Riley moved to deviate from the regular order of the agenda, seconded by Jimmy. Motion carried.

The Board discussed governance procedures applicable to a public board operating under open meeting laws. Following discussion, there was a motion and a second [Mike/Jimmy] authorizing Museum and Park staff, volunteers, or other visitors to answer questions or provide factual information to the Board when recognized by the Chair to speak during meetings. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed arrangements concerning Mr. C. J. Christ, founder of the RMM, in light of his declining health. By motion duly made and carried [Riley/Jimmy], the Board approved the museum as the site for Mr. Christ to lie in state if requested by the family at the appropriate time.

- XIII. The Board then resumed the regular order of business as set forth on the agenda.
- XIV. **Announcements.** The next board meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at the Regional Military Museum at 4:30 p.m. Mike invited everyone to a Memorial Day Celebration on May 23rd from 10 a.m. to noon, at Post 272 in Montegut. Riley announced that on May 25th, the Museum will hold a Memorial Day service with open house beginning at 10 a.m.
- XV. **Adjournment.** There being no further business, upon motion [Riley/Gus], the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted by Anne Parr [Secretary]