



Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission

MINUTES

Quarterly Commission Meeting
Southern Forest Heritage Museum, Long Leaf, LA
January 14, 2026

Present

AJ Roy, Avoyelles Parish
J.R. Rouchon, East Feliciana Parish
Corey Roblin, Avoyelles Parish
Melvin Harvey, West Feliciana Parish
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee Parish
Martin Macdiarmid, East Feliciana Parish
Patrick Witty, Pointe Coupee Parish
Buck Vandersteen, Rapides Parish
Wilbert Carmouche, Avoyelles Parish
Doug Rhodes, Southern Forest Heritage
Museum Director
Dr. Barnett, Author
Maggie Guillory, ZTP Management

Absent

Toni Melton, St. Helena Parish
Ronnie Jett, East Feliciana Parish
Randy DeCuir, Avoyelles Parish
Louis Hebert, Pointe Coupee Parish
Gen. Ron McGlothlin, Washington Parish
Rangle Pittman, Tangipahoa Parish
Joe Thomas, Tangipahoa Parish
Roderick Matthews, St. Helena Parish
Russell Wilson, Rapides Parish
Patty Alford, Washington Parish
Ron Roe, Rapides Parish
Sharonda Brown, St. Helena Parish

A.J. Roy, III of Avoyelles Parish called the Quarterly Meeting of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Commission to order at 10:20 AM on January 14, 2026, in Long Leaf, LA.

Martin Macdiarmid called roll. A quorum was not recognized.

Mr. Roy asked members of the audience to pause for a moment of silence in memory of long-time commission board member, Carlos Mayeux. He then asked the audience to introduce themselves. Guest speaker Doug Rhodes, executive director of the museum briefly spoke about the museum exhibits. Dr. Barnett presented the history of the sawmills of Long Leaf and books that he has written.

Mr. Roy asked the board to postpone review of October 8, 2025, meeting minutes until a quorum is recognized.

Mr. Witty reviewed the treasurer's report. He reported that the bank balance as of December 31, 2025, was \$4,681.91.

Mr. Roy provided the chairman's report. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and recapped accomplishments in 2025.



Mrs. Maggie Guillory provided a status report on the app development. Mrs. Guillory reported that the developers estimate the completion date to be mid-February. She mentioned that Apple is causing a delay in the development process, but the developers are working through it.

There was no Executive Director's Report.

There was no Military History Byway Update.

Mr. Roy announced that the next meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on April 8, 2026.

Mr. Witty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Macdiarmid seconded the motion. Mr. Roy adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM.