

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: December 12, 2017**

The meeting was opened and the following attendance was noted:

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Becky Hudson, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Lorraine Bertrand, Vice-Chairman	Elton		X
John Marceaux, Secretary/Treasurer	Lake Arthur		X
Bobby Palermo	Lake Arthur	X	
Ronnie Petree	Welsh	X	
Kathleen LeBlanc	Lake Arthur	X	
Ryan Kitchen	Jennings	X	
Marion "Butch" Fox, Executive Director	Director		X
Dione Sabelhaus, Marketing Director	Marketing Director	X	

Guests Present: Sherri Lewis; Lewis Architect and Tracie D Fontenot; JDPEDC, Mayor Henry Guinn; City of Jennings, Greg Marcantel; Spun Gold, Robert Corley; Petron, Richard Miller; E.L. Habetz, Randy Morgan; Cordova Construction.

Call to Order: **Becky Hudson** called the meeting to order at 8:01am, **Ronnie Petree** led the prayer and **Becky Hudson** led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda ~ a motion was made by **Ryan Kitchen** and seconded by **Kathleen LeBlanc** and passed unanimously to approve the December agenda.

Opening of Bids for Gator Chateau ~ We received 4 bids as following; Trahan Construction, LLC base bid \$669,000 bond and addenda included, E.L. Habetz Builders base bid \$644,000 bond and addenda included, Petron LLC base bid \$816,000 bond and addenda included, Cordova Construction Company base bid \$678,695 bond and addenda included. All bids were taken under advisement and Tourist Commission has 30 days to accept low bid or go out for bids again.

Approval of Minutes ~ a motion was made by **Ronnie Petree**, seconded by **John Marceaux**, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the **August 2017** meeting.

Approval Financials ~ a motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** to approve July, August and September financial report seconded by **Bobby Palermo**, passed unanimously

Public Comments: NA

Marketing Director Report: Dione Sabelhaus

- I attended TravelSouth International show in Charleston, South Carolina on November 26 – 30, 2017. I shared our Parish attractions to 30 international Bus and Tour operators. We are starting to see more China and United Kingdom visors to our state.
- 3 of our media tours operators that we had appointments with at TravelSouth came to our area in the month of November, Significant Living and 2 from British Airway. Chere Coen with 337 Magazine wrote an article about our area, we had hosted her several months ago.
- My next TravelSouth Domestic Show is in March in Biloxi MS.

New Business:

- Ethic Training deadline is December 31, 2017. Every public service official must complete the ethics training.
- A motion made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Bobby Palermo**, to approve Joint Service Agreement with JDPTC, EDC and COC and JDPTC and EDC, **passed unanimously**.
- A motion made by **Kathleen LeBlanc**, seconded by **Ryan Kitchen**, to approve the Tourist Development & Marketing Grant for Jennings Rodeo, Cajun Rodeo Association, **passed unanimously**

Old Business:

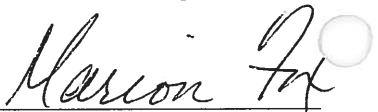
- A motion made by **Ronnie Petree**, seconded by **Kathleen LeBlanc**, to approve the Tourist Development & Marketing Final Grant for Last Resort, **passed unanimously**

Announcements: N/A

Adjournment

A motion was made by **Ryan Kitchen**, seconded by **Bobby Palermo** and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the second meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission held on December 12, 2017


MARION FOX, President/CEO
JDPTC