Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission Minutes of Meeting February 8, 2022

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Sheila Chapman, Chairman	Lake Arthur	Х	
Buffine Crochet, Vice- Chairman	Jennings	Х	
John Merceaux, Treasurer/Secretary	Lake Arthur	X	
Ronnie Petree		Х	
Bengt Lindell	Welsh	Х	
Austin Bertrand	Elton	Х	
Tammy Broussard		Х	
Greg Marcantel, CPA			X
Creed Romano, CEO		Х	
Dione Sablehaus, Marketing Director		Х	
Kyler Royer, Tourist Specialist		х	

Guests: Linda Leblanc

Present: Sheila Chapman, Buffine Crochet, john Marceaux, Ronnie Petree, Austin Bertrand, Bengt Lindell, Tammy Broussard, Creed Romano, Dione Sabelhaus, Kyler Royer, and Linda LeBlanc

Absent: Greg Marcantel, CPA

<u>Call to Order:</u> Sheila Chapman called meeting to order. Ronnie Petree led us in prayer and Kyler Royer led the pledge.

<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **Bengt Lindell**, passed unanimously to approve the February 8, 2022 Agenda.

<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> A motion was made by **Buffine Crochet** and seconded by **Ronnie Petree**, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of December 2021.

<u>Approval of Financials:</u> Financials were not available for the meeting.

Chad Crochet with Aaron Cooper, CPA, LLC presented the **2020-2021 Audit Report**, audit with one finding that was listed in the book, and corrections were made. A motion was made by **John Marceaux** and seconded by **Ronnie Petree**, passed unanimously that we reviewed the 2020-2021 audit report.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

• **Creed Romano** reported that the first phase of improvements in the I10 Oil and Gas Park will be to improve the main entrance and driveway. The definitive start date is still unknown.

New Business:

 A motion was made by John Marceaux and seconded by Austin Bertrand, passed unanimously for the final approval of the marketing grant for the 5th Annual Jennings CRA Rodeo.

CEO/President report:

- · Creed Romano reported the following:
- Mr. Romano's first LTLA class will be held on February 17th and 18th in New Orleans. Mr. Romano attended an "Onboarding" with the Lt. Governor's Office where he established many new contacts for funding within the Parish.

Dione Sabelhaus, MD:

 Dione Sabelhaus stated that the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission's Facebook page has over 8,500 followers and its posts reach over 27,000 people. Swamp STOL will be held on Saturday, March 19th, the Lt. Governor's Office will provide a free crawfish boil for all pilots.

Kyler Royer, TIS: Kyler Royer reported the following:

Visitor Count: December 2021: 2,397 and January 2022: 1,623 Gift Shop Sales: December 2021 & January 2022 ~ \$13,884.50

Announcements: Next Tourist Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, location TBA

<u>Adjournment:</u> A motion was made by **John Marceaux** and seconded by **Austin Bertrand**, passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Creed Romano, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission held on February 8, 2022.

Creed Romano, CEO/President