

**Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission
Minutes of Meeting
August 13, 2026**

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Sammy LeJeune	Lake Arthur	X	
Ronnie Petree	At Large	X	
Kori Myers	At Large	X	
Shelby LaFosse	Welsh	X	
Jeremy Doucet	Jennings	X	
Austin Bertrand	Elton	X	
Kayla Doga	Hotel	X	
Landon Daigle	Coushatta		X
Greg Marcantel, CPA	CPA	X	
Nikki Trahan	CPA Assistant	X	
Carter Prejean	Director	X	
Linda LeBlanc	Facilitator	X	
Ben Boudreaux	Parish Administrator	X	
Jeanne Boudreaux	Chamber Director	X	
Cesilee Oliver	EDC Director		X
Poncho LeJeune	Lake Arthur Mayor	X	
Darci Knight	Daily News	X	
Tim McKnight	Guest	X	

Call to Order: Chairman Kori Myers called the meeting to order. Austin Bertrand led the prayer, and Shelby LaFosse led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda for August 13, 2026, as presented.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of July 14, 2026, as presented.

Financial Report: It was moved by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Ronnie Petree, and passed unanimously to approve the June 2026 financial report presented.

Public Comments: Ronnie Petree suggested thanking Doris Maricle for the years of dedicated professional service in covering Jeff Davis Parish area for the American Press.

Old Business:

- * Director Carter Prejean reported discussions were still ongoing with Mayor Guinn for a Joint Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 year. Any expenses related to the park are being forwarded to City Hall for review and payment. The City of Jennings is currently obtaining bids to repair the siding and windows of the office.
- * Director Prejean has scheduled an appointment with Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser to explore opportunities for a museum. Discussions about a new office will be continued after the meeting with the Lt. Governor.
- * It was moved by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Sammy LeJeune to authorize Carter Prejean to hire a part-time marketing employee.
- * With no Joint Service Agreement in place at this time, the Tourist Commission will not pay for any maintenance or utility expenses for the park.
- * Discussions continued on the Development Office Proposal that was presented such as the architect planning fees, funding for the project, lease agreements, ownership of the building.

New Business:

- * No budget amendments needed at this time. Nikki Trahan noted that Kaylee Bryant's pay increase had not been included in the employee rate listing on the presented proposed budget, but the budget line-item amounts did include Kaylee's increased rate of \$15.97.
- * It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Jeremy Doucet, and passed unanimously to amend the policy manual to include an employee's benefit time would be calculated on their anniversary date and the employee would be eligible to accumulate and carry a maximum of 15 vacation days in their vacation leave bank. Once the employee has reached the 15-day maximum, no additional vacation leave may be accumulated until the employee uses vacation leave and the balance falls below 15 days.

It was moved by Sammy LeJeune, seconded by Ronnie Petree, and passed unanimously to approve Carter Prejean to enroll in a payment program such as PayPal or Square for Tourism Commission events.

Sales Tax:

- \$15,157.77 was paid in August 2026 for the July 2026 collections.

Carter Prejean Director's Report:

- Cocktail Trail started on August 1.
- Carter Prejean, Sammy LeJeune, and Linda LeBlanc will attend the Louisiana Travel Association conference in NOLA.
- Created a Fall Festival website and started marketing the event. 6 teams have registered as of now. The event is Halloween themed and will have a costume contest, petting zoo, pumpkin decorating area.
- Bayou Blues Series in Welsh Sportsman Park was a successful event.
- New food trucks have been serving food in front of Gator Chateau which helps increase visitor attendance.
- Stearman event will take place October 3 and 4 with discussions to continue on how the Tourist Commission will be assisting with the event.

Announcements:

- The regular Tourist Commission meeting will be at 3:00p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, with location to be determined.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Kayla Doga, and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Carter Prejean, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission held on August 13, 2026.


Carter Prejean, Director