

**Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission
Minutes of Meeting
August 9, 2022**

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Sheila Chapman, Chairman	Lake Arthur	X	
Buffine Crochet, Vice- Chairman	Jennings	X	
John Marceaux, Treasurer/Secretary	Lake Arthur	X	
Ronnie Petree		X	
Bengt Lindell	Welsh	X	
Austin Bertrand	Elton	X	
Tammy Broussard			X
Greg Marcantel, CPA		X	
Creed Romano, CEO		X	
Kyler Royer, TOD		X	

Guests: Linda Leblanc, Kaylee Bryant

Call to Order: Sheila Chapman called the meeting to order. John Marceaux led us in prayer and Buffine Crochet led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ronnie Petree and seconded by Buffine Crotchet, passed unanimously to approve the August 9, 2022 Agenda.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Austin Bertrand and seconded by John Marceaux, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022 and June 28, 2022.

Approval of Financials: Moved by John Marceaux and seconded by Buffine Crochet, passed unanimously to approve the financials of May 2022, and June 2022.

Public Comments: None

Old Business:

- Creed Romano reported that repairs to the Jules Clement oil derrick are underway. Two cranes have been sent to the I-10 park to erect the superstructure of the oil derrick, and landscaping has begun.
- Creed Romano also reported that repairs to the Evangeline building have also begun, painters began painting the interior of the building and everything is in good shape.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Ronnie Petree and seconded by Buffine Crochet, to reappoint Sheila Chapman to the Tourist Commission Board, passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by **John Marceaux** and seconded by **Bengt Lindell**, to approve the Tourist Development & Marketing Grant for the 6th Annual JDP CRA Rodeo, **passed unanimously**.

CEO/President report:

- **Creed Romano** reported the following:
- The second to last LTLA class was held in Covington, LA. Every class has given me a greater appreciation for the tourism industry. The class has helped me network with leaders in the industry and keep Jeff Davis Parish ahead of the curve.
- The LDRC certification ceremony was a huge success. I received numerous letters congratulating the parish on its great achievement.
- LED will be hosting a rural roadshow at Jennings City Hall for the southwestern region of Louisiana on August 31st from 9 am to 11 am.
- Bayou Rum has been announced as the official rum of the New Orleans Saints.

Kyler Royer, TOD:

- **Kyler Royer** reported the following:
- The Lt. Governor's travel summit will be held from August 23 – 25 at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles, LA. Jeff Davis Parish will be hosting a FAM tour for leaders of the travel industry, stops along the tour include the Gator Chateau and Bayou Rum distillery.
- The Louisiana Office of Tourism has approved the \$20,000 CMP Grant that the Tourist Commission applied for in June.
- The 41st Annual Stearman Fly-In will be held on September 29 through October 1.

Kaylee Bryant, TIS:

- **Kaylee Bryant** Reported the following:
- Visitor Count: June 2022: 5,452 & July: 5,674
- Gift Shop Sales: June 2022 & July 2022 ~ 29,625.00

Announcements: Next Tourist Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, location TBA

Adjournment: A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **Buffie Crotchet**, 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