# JEFF DAVIS PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING

**DATE: June 2, 2020** 

he meeting was opened, and the following attendance was noted:

Rep	resenting Pre	sent	Absent
Ryan Kitchen, Chairman	Jennings		X
Lorraine Bertrand, Vice-Chairman	Elton	х	
John Marceaux, Secretary/Treasurer	Lake Arthur	х	
Roberta Palermo	Lake Arthur	X	
Ronnie Petree	Welsh	X	
Kathleen LeBlanc	Lake Arthur	х	4
Becky Hudson	Welsh	X	
Marion "Butch" Fox, Executive Director	Director	X	
Dione Sabelhaus, Marketing Director	Marketing Director	×	

**Guest Present:** Greg Marcantel; Spun Gold

<u>Call to Order</u>: Lorraine Bertrand called the meeting to order at 8:03am Ronnie Petree led us in prayer and pledge.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u> A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **Becky Hudson**, passed unanimously to approve the June 2, 2020 agenda.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> ~ a motion was made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Kathleen LeBlanc**, passed nanimously to approve the minutes of April 14, 2020, passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

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- Greg Marcantel, CPA introduced the proposed 2019-2020 budget amendments and reviewed the 2020-2021 budget, engagement agreement. Our budget exceeds \$500,000.00, so we are required to publish in the newspaper to have a public hearing. The meeting will be on June 23, 2020 at the Tourist Commission Office at 8:00am.
- A motion was made by Kathleen Leblanc, seconded by Becky Hudson to appoint Buffina Crochet to replace Ryan Kitchen to the Tourist Commission Board, passed unanimously.

<u>Approval of Financials</u> ~ a motion was made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Becky Hudson**, to table the approval of financials until next meeting, **passed unanimously**.

### Public Comments ~ N/A

### **CEO/President report:**

- Our tax dollars are going to go down, last time I talked to Ryan kitchen at Hampton Inn, they are running 50% occupancy.
- There are several grant opportunities that we are applying for to help with our adverting and remarketing budget.
- At this time the Gator Docents agreed to stay on with us so they will file for unemployment until the Gator Chateau can reopen.

## Old Business: NA

Visitors Count: May 19 – 31 our visitor count was 944

The Gator Chateau and TC Information Center were closed due to Covid-19 mandated closure starting March 17, 2020 until May 19, 2020.

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

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the first meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission held on February 4, 2020.

MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CÉC