

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: October 9, 2018**

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	

Guest Present: n/a

Call to Order: Ryan kitchen called the meeting to order at 8:06am, **Ryan Kitchen** led the prayer and pledge.

Approval of Agenda ~ a motion was made by **Lorraine Bertrand** and seconded by **Ronnie Petree** and passed unanimously to approve the August agenda.

Approval of Minutes ~ a motion was made by **Bobby Palermo**, seconded by **Lorraine Bertrand** and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of **June 2018** and **Special June 2018 meeting**.

Approval of Financials ~ Put on hold until December 11, 2018 board meeting.

Public Comments: n/a

Marketing Director Report: Dione Sabelhaus

- Habetz is planning on finishing the project by the end of December 2018. Metal building is up and now they are starting on the inside of the building. The building passed the 1st phase by the State Fire Marshall. Habetz needed a work order change on the exhaust fan. They install one 20-amp, 120-volt circuit for EF-3 as per directive drawing E-3.OR1. This action will allow for EF-4 and EF-3 to operate on separate dedicated circuits, due to each exhaust fans amp draw during operation.
- I will attend TravelSouth International November 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29, 2018 in Nashville TN. We are partnering with Lake Charles CVB. Anne and I will meet with 50 international protentional clients. In the last 3 months Bayou Rum had 4 group tours that visited their distillery due to the information we gave them at TravelSouth.
- Stearman Flyin went very well. The Stearman are thinking about changing the date for the event due to other fly-ins on the same weekend. They had 26 Stearman planes and 10 other model planes that attend the event. The WWII C-47 Aircraft had to cancel due to weather. The banquet was held at the Jennings Conference Center on Saturday, Mike Walkers catered the event for 55 guests.
- Upcoming event in Jeff Davis Parish are Anti bulling fun run, CADA Taste and Tell, Chamber Golf tournament, Last Resort Car Show, Jennings Alive, Melissa Doise 5K run/walk, Yellow Rails and Rice Festival, Battle of the Bows, Welsh Museum Taste and Sell, Laugh for Life and Jennings Christmas celebration.

New Business:

- A motion was made by **Lorraine Bertrand**, seconded by **Bobby Palermo** to appoint **Ryan Kitchen** as Chairman of the Tourist Commission Board, passed unanimously.

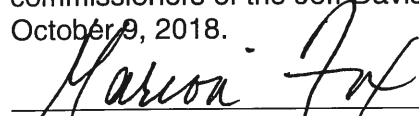
Old Business:

- A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **Bobby Palermo** to approve Final Marketing Grant for Cajun Rodeo, **passed unanimously.**

Announcements: N/A

Adjournment: A motion was made by **Lorraine Bertrand**, seconded by **Bobby Palermo** 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 October 9, 2018.



MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO
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