

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: October 10, 2017**

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	

Guests Present: Sherri Lewis, Lewis Architect and Tracie D Fontenot, JDPEDC

Call to Order: **Becky Hudson** called the meeting to order at 8:03am, **Ronnie Petree** led the prayer and **Becky Hudson** led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda ~ a motion was made by **Ryan Kitchen** and seconded by **Kathleen LeBlanc** and **passed unanimously** to approve the October agenda.

Approval of Minutes ~ a motion was made by **Ronnie Petree**, seconded by **Ryan Kitchen**, **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of the **August 2017** meeting.

Approval Financials ~ a motion was made by **Kathleen LeBlanc** to approve June monthly financial report seconded by **Bobby Palermo**, **passed unanimously**

Public Comments: NA

Gator Chateau Project Chairman: **Sherri Lewis** reported the next step is for the Tourist Commission committee to review and approve the plans. Bobby will arrange a meeting for the committee to get together to review the plans for corrections or changes. After the corrections or changes Sherri will send plans to the Fire Marshall to be approved. Sherri will start advertising for bids early November and get bids in December. The bids will include the restrooms.

Marketing Director Report: Dione Sabelhaus

- Considering the weather, The Stearman Flyin went well. We had about 20 planes that arrived by Friday but all but 4 planes left early Saturday morning due to weather. The C-47 plane came in on Friday and did 2 flights and on Saturday 6 rides, they plan on coming back next year.
- Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission will host 2 media tours and a site visit in the next two months.
- I will attend the TravelSouth International showcase in Charleston, SC in November.

New Business:

- A motion made by **Bobby Palermo**, seconded by **Kathleen LeBlanc**, to approve letter of understanding for accounting service for Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission, **passed unanimously**. Tourist Commission didn't receive the letter until October 6, 2017
- A motion made by **Lorraine Bertrand**, seconded by **Ryan Kitchen** to reappoint Mike Heinen to represent Tourist Commission to the Economic Development Board, **passed unanimously**.
- A motion made by **Ronnie Petree**, seconded by **Lorraine Bertrand**, to approve the Tourist Development & Marketing Final Grant for Cajun Rodeo Association, **passed unanimously**

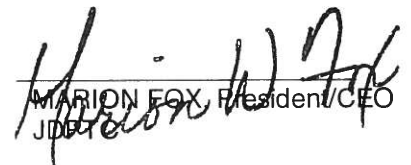
Old Business: NA

Announcements: N/A

Adjournment

A motion was made by **Ryan Kitchen**, seconded by **Bobby Palermo** and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the second meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission held on October 10, 2017


MARION FOX, President/CEO
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