

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

| <b>Name</b>                 | <b>Representing</b>         | <b>Present</b> | <b>Absent</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Sammy LeJeune</b>        | <b>Lake Arthur</b>          | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Ronnie Petree</b>        | <b>At Large</b>             |                | <b>X</b>      |
| <b>Kori Myers</b>           | <b>At Large</b>             | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Shelby LaFosse</b>       | <b>Welsh</b>                |                | <b>X</b>      |
| <b>Jeremy Doucet</b>        | <b>Jennings</b>             | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Austin Bertrand</b>      | <b>Elton</b>                | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Kayla Doga</b>           | <b>Hotel</b>                | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Landon Daigle</b>        | <b>Coushatta</b>            | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Greg Marcantel, CPA</b>  | <b>CPA</b>                  | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Nikki Trahan</b>         | <b>CPA Assistant</b>        |                | <b>X</b>      |
| <b>Carter Prejean</b>       | <b>Director</b>             | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Macey Guidry Cormier</b> |                             | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Linda LeBlanc</b>        | <b>Facilitator</b>          | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Ben Boudreaux</b>        | <b>Parish Administrator</b> | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Jeanne Boudreaux</b>     | <b>Chamber Director</b>     | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Cesilee Oliver</b>       | <b>EDC Director</b>         | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Doris Maricle</b>        | <b>American Press</b>       | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Darci Knight</b>         | <b>Daily News</b>           | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Mayor Henry Guinn</b>    | <b>City of Jennings</b>     | <b>X</b>       |               |
| <b>Mayor Poncho LeJeune</b> | <b>Town of Lake Arthur</b>  | <b>X</b>       |               |
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**Call to Order:** Chairman Kori Myers called the meeting to order. Kayla Doga led the prayer, and Sammy LeJeune led the pledge.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Kayla Doga, seconded by Austin Bertrand, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026, as presented.

**Financial Report:** The March 2026 financial report was not available.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Old Business:** None.

Board Member Landon Daigle entered the meeting.

**New Business:** Greg Marcantel presented and reviewed the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Amendments and the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget. Chairman Kori Myers announced a Public Hearing for the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Amendments and the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 2:45pm at the Lake Arthur City Hall.

Tourist Commission Director Carter Prejean proposed relocating the Tourist Commission office to a more inviting and professional office space that could better accommodate larger meetings, partner meetings, and community collaboration. She stated the new office should provide greater privacy for confidential conversations and meetings. Director Prejean also expressed interest in housing the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development offices under the same roof to continue the momentum of collaboration among the entities moving forward. She noted that the joint service agreement with the City of Jennings is set to expire on June 30, 2026, and stated that she was actively searching for a new location. She suggested the current office building could potentially be used as a museum or another visitor-focused amenity. Mayor Henry Guinn stated that while the agreement expires on June 30, it does not necessarily require the Tourist Commission to vacate the park and that the Commission could continue using the building as long as needed. He further noted that several city and airport lease agreements require review and clarification to determine responsibilities. Mayor Guinn stated the Tourist Commission could remain at the park while continuing to explore alternative locations and suggested considering the option of constructing a new building at the park. Jeremy Doucet advised against making a rash decision and suggested the discussion continue as part of the planning process rather than as a decision-making discussion. Greg Marcantel stated that the Jennings City Council is committed to working with the Tourist Commission. He noted there are various options to consider, including constructing a building at the park or purchasing a building at another location, while emphasizing the importance of considering funding for whichever option is pursued.

It was moved by Austin Bertrand, seconded by Kayla Doga, and passed unanimously to authorize Carter Prejean to continue to search office options.

**Sales Tax:**

- \$13,215.42 was paid in May 2026 for the April 2026 collections.

**Carter Prejean Director's Report:**

- Bayou Rum Run is May 16 with 207 participants registered as of now and volunteers are needed to help.
- STOL aviation event was held April 10-11, 2026, and was a success with over 1,000 in attendance.
- JDP Banquet was held April 23, 2026, at Bayou Rum and was a success.
- Love the Boot JDP Cleanup Day was April 18, 2026, at I-10 Park with over 50 participants. Lake Arthur's was April 22 with over 70 participants.
- Will be working with Keep Louisiana Beautiful in September for cleaning waterways project.
- May 3-9, 2026, was LA Tourism Week.

- Lunch & Learn was May 6 at Hampton Inn for Social Media/Google Workshop.
- Tourism Day at Capitol May 20.
- Implemented visitors taking pictures holding baby gators with their country flags. So far visitors from Australia, Canada, Mexico and England participated
- Celebrity will be visiting in May for a crawfish and gator tour.
- Implementing a food truck project with Chick-fil-A to come June 4 and others will be scheduled to come on Fridays when the public gator feedings take place.

**Marketing report:**

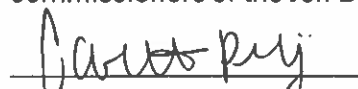
Macey Guidry stated the April views for Facebook were 535K with a 21.8% increase from previous month and the content interactions were 8K with a 42.8% increase from the previous month.

**Announcements:**

- The regular Tourist Commission meeting will be at 2:45p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at Lake Arthur City Hall.
- Ethics Disclosure Tier 2.1 Report to be completed by May 15, 2026.
- The Coushatta Pow Wow is June 13, 2026.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Austin Bertrand, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, 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 May 13, 2026.

  
Carter Prejean, Director

