

**Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission
Minutes of Meeting
July 14, 2026**

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Sammy LeJeune	Lake Arthur	X	
Ronnie Petree	At Large	X	
Kori Myers	At Large	X	
Shelby LaFosse	Welsh		X
Jeremy Doucet	Jennings	X	
Austin Bertrand	Elton		X
Kayla Doga	Hotel	X	
Landon Daigle	Coushatta		X
Greg Marcantel, CPA	CPA	X	
Nikki Trahan	CPA Assistant	X	
Carter Prejean	Director	X	
Linda LeBlanc	Facilitator	X	
Ben Boudreaux	Parish Administrator		X
Jeanne Boudreaux	Chamber Director	X	
Cesilee Oliver	EDC Director	X	
Doris Maricle	American Press		X
Darci Knight	Daily News	X	
Maddie Guidry	Guest	X	

Call to Order: Chairman Kori Myers called the meeting to order. Ronnie Petree led the prayer, and Jeremy Doucet led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Kayla Doga, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda for July 14, 2026, as presented with the addition on an item "Discuss Pay Increase for Chateau Manager".

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, as presented.

Financial Report: It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to approve the May 2026 financial reports presented by Greg Marcantel.

Public Comments: Darcy Knight inquired about the Fall Festival Committee and requested to be notified for upcoming meetings.

Old Business: Continued discussions were held on finding an office building for the Tourist Commission. Options to purchase an existing building or build a new one, remain at the I-10 Park or relocate elsewhere were discussed. Director Carter Prejean reported she recently toured the Capital One building and offered to schedule another tour for board members. She stated the building was large and that it had potential for growth and enough space to rent to small businesses that would generate revenue for the Commission. Sammy LeJeune stated she had researched and found the utilities would run between \$1,500 and \$2,000 monthly. Ronnie Petree stated the property would probably appraise for \$750,00-\$1,000,000, but a cash offer could be made for a lower amount. He stated the building could be utilized for multiple options such as office spaces for Economic Development and the Chamber as well as other small businesses and could be a small seed center. Carter Prejean stated an architect began developing preliminary plans for a new building at the request of Mayor Guinn. The board stated they wanted to compare options and would remain open to different opportunities. Jeremy Doucet stated there was a need for a clearer understanding before decisions could be made, and a need to develop a comprehensive plan before making a financial commitment. He also discussed seeking resources for funding. Carter Prejean stated she wanted to focus on tourism and devote time and resources to attract visitors to the parish. She stated the vision to have the Tourism Commission, Economic Development and the Chamber under one roof would benefit from sharing a more visible, welcoming location for residents, visitors and prospective businesses. The commission requested Director Prejean to continue obtaining information and report back to them at a future date.

It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to authorize Carter Prejean to proceed with discussions with the City of Jennings and the architect to ensure that all matters related to architectural fees for any future plans and revisions are addressed as to who will pay for the fees and to confirm that the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission has the right to use the plans on behalf of the Tourism Commission and to obtain cost estimates.

Carter Prejean stated she had met with Jennings Mayor Guinn and Jennings City Attorney Miller to discuss a joint service agreement for the year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The city has \$70,000 in the city's budget dedicated for tourism but a joint service agreement would need to be in place before the money would be distributed. Negotiations are currently ongoing. Any agreement would need to be approved by both the City Counsel and Tourist Commission.

New Business: It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Jeremy Doucet, and passed unanimously to remove Macey Cormier as an authorized credit card holder and approve Linda LeBlanc as an authorized credit card holder for Jeff Davis Tourist Commission.

It was moved by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to approve Greg Marcantel, CPA's engagement agreement for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

It was moved by Ronnie Petree, seconded by Jeremy Doucet, and passed unanimously to approve Langley, Williams and Company's engagement agreement for Audit Services for period ending June 30, 2026.

It was moved by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Ronnie Petree, and passed unanimously to approve Langley, Williams and Company's engagement for Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUPs)

It was moved by Sammy LeJeune, seconded by Kayla Doga, and passed unanimously to approve the budgeted 3% pay increase for Kaylee Sabelhaus retroactive to July 1, 2026.

Sales Tax:

- \$15,638.08 was paid in July 2026 for the June 2026 collections.

Carter Prejean Director's Report:

- Attending NACO Conference(National Police Jury Conference) in New Orleans promoting JDP. Plans are to bring an alligator to promote Gator Chateau.
- Cocktail Trail to start August 1.
- Fall Festival set for October 31 and will be Halloween themed.
- Bayou Blues Series in Welsh Sportsman Park on July 16, 23, and 30.
- Attending council meetings within the parish to present highlights tourism activities from this past year.
- Macey Cormier resigned from the marketing position and applications are being accepted for a part-time marketing position. Interviews will be scheduled soon. Jeremy Doucet expressed budget concerns and appreciated the position now being part-time.

Marketing report:

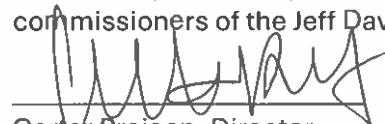
The June views for Facebook were 538.5K with 9.6K content interactions and 25,400 follower count. Instagram had 11.8K views, 3K reach and 2361 follower count. TikTok had 46K views and 4,297 follower count.

Announcements:

- The regular Tourist Commission meeting will be at 3:00p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, with location to be determined.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jeremy Doucet, seconded by Sammy LeJeune, and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Cater Prejean, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission held on July 14, 2026.


Carter Prejean, Director

