

**Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
December 12, 2023**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Sheila Chapman, Chairman</b>	<b>Lake Arthur</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Buffina Crochet, Vice- Chairman</b>	<b>Hotel</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>John Marceaux, Treasurer/Secretary</b>	<b>Lake Arthur</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Ronnie Petree</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Bengt Lindell</b>	<b>Welsh</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Austin Bertrand</b>	<b>Elton</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Katelyn Little</b>	<b>Jennings</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>Greg Marcantel, CPA</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Creed Romano, CEO</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Kyler Royer</b>		<b>X</b>	

**Staff:** Linda Leblanc

**Call to Order:** Sheila Chapman called the meeting to order. Ronnie Petree led the prayer, and Austin Bertrand led the pledge.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Ronnie Petree, seconded by John Marceaux, and passed unanimously to approve December 12, 2023.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by John Marceaux, seconded by Buffina Crochet, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of October 12, 2023.

**Approval of Financials:**

- A motion was made by Ronnie Petree, seconded by John Marceaux, and passed to approve the financials of October 2023. Bengt Lindell abstained due to not receiving the financials timely.
- Greg Marcantel reviewed the presented financials.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:** A motion was made by John Marceaux, seconded by Bengt Lindell, and passed unanimously to approve the final payment of the marketing grant for the Last Resort Car Show held October 20-22, 2023. Sheila Chapman abstained due to conflict.

**New Business:**

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- **Sarah Werner** with Langley, Williams, and Company presented the 2022-2023 Audit Report. A motion to accept the report was made by **Bengt Lindell**, seconded by **Austin Bertrand**, and passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Austin Bertrand**, and **passed unanimously** to split the contribution of \$2,500 to Leadership Excel with the contingency that the Chamber and Economic Development Board approve sharing the expense.
- **John Marceaux** made a motion, seconded **Katelyn Little**, and **passed unanimously** to approve the Joint Service Agreement between the Tourist Commission and Economic Development
- A motion was made by **Katelyn Little**, seconded by **Buffina Crochet**, and **passed unanimously** to approve the Joint Service Agreement between the Tourist Commission, Economic Development, and Chamber of Commerce.
- A motion was made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Buffina Crochet**, and **passed unanimously** to approve **Randy Whetstine** attending the Washington DC Mardi Gras with a budget of up to \$3,200.
- **Ronnie Petree** made a motion, seconded **John Marceaux**, and **passed unanimously** to amend the agenda to include the appointment of *Mike Heinen* to the Economic Development Board.
- A motion was made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Katelyn Little**, and **passed unanimously** to approve the appointment of **Mike Heinen** to the Economic Development Board for the term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026.

### CEO/President report:

- **Creed Romano** reported the following: increase in agritourism in the parish, will present vision for the future after the new year, increase in aviation tourism.  
**Greg Marcantel** added that there is actual parking for aviation events that the airport is preparing to asphalt.

### Kyler Royer:

- Gator Chateau Visitor Count: September 2023 ~ 2,316; October 2023 ~ 2802; November 2023 2,557
- Gift Shop Sales: November 2022 ~ \$19,388.50 and November 2023 ~ \$16,578.50

**John Marceaux** informed the Tourist Commission this would be his last meeting to serve representing **Jeff Davis Police Jury**. John gave his thanks for having the opportunity to serve and stated the Police Jury President **Steve Eastman** would be appointing a replacement to the Commission.

### Announcements:

Next Tourist Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2023, at the Tourist Commission Administration Office. **Katelyn Little** recommended rescheduling the meeting since it would be on Mardi Gras Day.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by **John Marceaux** and seconded by **Ronnie Petree**, passed unanimously to adjourn.

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I, Creed Romano, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission held on December 12, 2023.

  
Creed Romano, CEO/President

