# Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission Minutes of Meeting December 20, 2022

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Sheila Chapman, Chairman	Lake Arthur		Х
Buffine Crochet, Vice- Chairman	Hotel	Х	
John Marceaux, Treasurer/Secretary	Lake Arthur	Х	
Ronnie Petree		Х	
Bengt Lindell	Welsh	Х	
Austin Bertrand	Elton		Х
Carter Prejean	Jennings		Х
Greg Marcantel, CPA		Х	
Creed Romano, CEO		Х	
Kyler Royer, TOD		Х	
Kaylee Bryant, TIM		Х	

**Guests: Linda Leblanc** 

<u>Call to Order:</u> Buffine Crotchet called meeting to order. Ronnie Petree led us in prayer and John Marceaux led the pledge.

<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **Austin Bertrand**, **passed unanimously** to approve the and December 20, 2022 Agenda.

<u>Approval of Minutes:</u> A motion was made by **John Marceaux** and seconded by **Ronnie Petree**, **passed unanimously** to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022.

<u>Approval of Financials:</u> Moved by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **John Marceaux**, **passed unanimously** to approve the financials of August, September, and October 2022.

Public Comments: None

### **Old Business:**

- A motion was made by John Marceaux and seconded by Ronnie Petree to approve the final marketing grant application for Battle of the Bows.
- A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **John Marceaux** to approve the final marketing grant application for Last Resort Car Show.

## **New Business:**

- A motion was made by Ronnie Petree and seconded by Bengt Lindell to accept the joint service agreement between the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission and Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission.
- A motion was made by John Marceaux and seconded by Ronnie Petree to accept the joint service agreement between the Jeff Davis Parish Tourist Commission, Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission, and Jeff Davis Parish Chamber of Commerce.

# **CEO/President report:**

- Creed Romano reported the following:
- The Tourist Commission office building updates have been completed. The city of Jennings is still
  in the process of landscaping the area surrounding the new oil derrek, office buildings, and
  Gator Chateau.
- The final LTLA meeting was held at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans. Our class were assigned
  a class project at the beginning of the year, and we worked with individuals from every aspect of
  the tourism industry. At this meeting, we presented our presentation before the LTA board
  members with great success. Our class will be graduating from the program at the LTLA annual
  meeting in January.

### Kyler Royer, TOD:

- **Kyler Royer** reported the following:
- I was able to attend Travel South International in Louisville Kentucky with Visit Lake Charles. We met with 85 different tour companies over the course of three days. They were very interested in the different tourist destinations in Jeff Davis Parish. I look forward to meeting with all of the contacts that I have made very soon.

## Kaylee Bryant, TIM:

- Gator Chateau Visitor Count: October 2022 3,649; November 2022 2,728
- Gift Shop Sales: October and November 2022 ~\$19,388.00

Announcements: Next Tourist Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14, 2022, location TBA

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

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 20, 2022.

Creed Romano, CEO/President