

ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:32 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The meeting was held at the St. Martin Parish Tourism Office, 601 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge.

The meeting was called to order by Tourism Executive Director Laci Laperouse.

The following members were present: Marel Thibodeaux, Christine Friedman, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, and Greg Domingue. Also present was Assistant Director Megan LeBlanc. The following members were absent: Fred Foti Jr. (excused), and Tonia Peltier (excused).

A motion was made by Carole Lancon, and seconded by Greg Domingue, to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

This motion, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Marel Thibodeaux, Christine Friedman, Carole Lancon, Karlos Knott, and
Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused) and Tonia Peltier (excused)

And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April 2026.

A motion was made by Christine Friedman and seconded by Carole Lancon to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of March 2026.

This motion, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Marel Thibodeaux, Christine Friedman, Carole Lancon, Karlos Knott, and
Greg Domingue

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused), and Tonia Peltier (excused)

And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April 2026.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Atelier De la Nature for the Fête De La Nature BioBlitz and Crawfish Benefit, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$1000.00 to be used towards promotional materials and/or advertising.
- Social Media Boosts (The tourism office will take care of this)
- Events Page (local and State Tourism Office-Tourism Office will take care of this)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars

A motion was made by Greg Domingue and seconded by Marel Thibodeaux to approve the above-mentioned request.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Marel Thibodeaux, Christine Friedman, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, and
Greg Domingue

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused), and Tonia Peltier (excused)

And the motion was declared adopted this 8th day of April 2026.

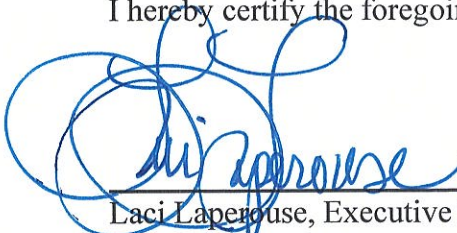
Prior to adjournment, Executive Director Laci Laperouse provided several updates to the Commission. She reported on a potential promotional opportunity stemming from contacts made at the FRVA Show in Perry, Georgia, where she met Kevin and Patrice McCabe, hosts of the Discovery Channel series *RV There Yet?* Following those discussions, the production team expressed interest in filming a segment in St. Martin Parish and is scheduled to visit at the end of May. Laci also informed the Commission that the ordinance amending the meeting time to 4:30 p.m. had been approved. In addition, proposed locations for the parish's ten spoonbill sculptures were discussed, with commissioners expressing general agreement and no objections to the suggested sites; however, final locations had not yet been formally approved. Laci also shared updates on the ongoing Loupe Theory promotional video project and progress on the new visitors' guide, noting continued work on both initiatives.

Executive Director Laci Laperouse invited comments or discussions from the board members. There were no comments or discussions.

With no further business, Executive Director Laci Laperouse announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Martin Parish Tourism Office, 601 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge.

A motion was made by Carole Lancon, and seconded by Greg Domingue, that the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting does hereby adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be exact and true:



Laci Laperouse, Executive Director
St. Martin Parish Tourism