

**ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022**

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:33 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. The meeting was held at Longfellow Evangeline State Historic Site, 1200 North Main Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

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

The following members were present: Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Laura Huval, Marel Thibodeaux, and Tonia Peltier. The following members were absent: Carole Lancon (excused) and Christine Meche (excused).

A motion was made by Fred Foti, Jr. and seconded by Tonia Peltier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

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

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Laura Huval, Marel Thibodeaux, and Tonia Peltier.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carole Lancon (excused) and Christine Meche (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 13th day of July 2022.

A motion was made by Laura Huval and seconded by Karlos Knott to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of June 2022.

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

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Laura Huval, Marel Thibodeaux, and Tonia Peltier.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Carole Lancon (excused) and Christine Meche (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 13th day of July 2022.

Executive Director Laci Laperouse welcomed guest speaker Christi Disher, Park Manager of Longfellow State Historic Site. Ms. Disher provided a wealth of knowledge of the Longfellow Evangeline State Historic Site by stating it was one time considered a park, where the focus was

more of recreation, and now it's geared towards education. The site employs eight people with daily tours of the property. Many organizations are active within the historic site such as LSU AgCenter, The ARC, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school field trips, etc. One of the events the site provides is a Fall Festival which is held the first weekend in November. Executive Director Laci Laperouse along with Commissioners thanked Ms. Disher for being the guest speaker and hosting the meeting.

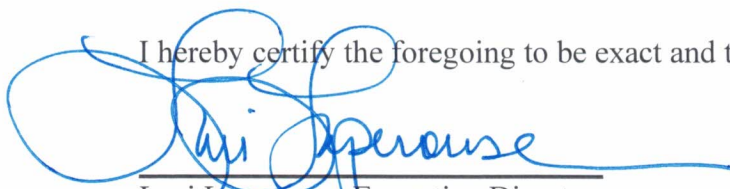
Executive Director Laci Laperouse provided updates and discussed several matters such as Culinary Trails and FAM Tours. A chef was chosen to represent St. Martin Parish during the Culinary Trails event which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina November 2022. FAM Tours will be happening across Acadiana leading up to the Lieutenant Governor's Travel Summit event, and St. Martin Parish was chosen to host two of the tours, which is scheduled for Monday, August 22. Executive Director Laci Laperouse provided Louisiana Office of Tourism many options for the FAM Tours and will be working closely with both groups that day.

The Commissioners reviewed the request from the Breaux Bridge Garden Club for the Breaux Bridge City Wide Garage Sale event. After a detailed discussion ensued amongst Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse regarding the requests received it was determined the Breaux Bridge Garden Club provide proof of an active 501c status. Once received the Commissioners will consider the request.

It was announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at McGee's Landing, Henderson, at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Marel Thibodeaux and seconded by Fred Foti, Jr. that the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting does hereby adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion was unanimously approved.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be exact and true:



Laci Laperouse, Executive Director  
St. Martin Parish Tourism