

**ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026**

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 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 Executive Director Laci Laperouse.

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

A motion was made by Greg Domingue and seconded by Tonia Peltier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused)

And the motion was declared adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

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

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused)

And the motion was declared adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by the Breaux Bridge Area Chamber of Commerce for the Breaux Bridge Pumpkin Patch, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$250.00 to be used towards promotional items 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 Christine Friedman and seconded by Greg Domingue to approve the above-mentioned request.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted on this 12th day of August 2026.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Civic Club de Pont Breaux for the Breaux Bridge City Wide Garage Sale, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$500.00.
- 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 Tonia Peltier to approve the above-mentioned request.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Atelier de la Nature for the 2026 Halloween Art and Nature Festival, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$750.00 to be used towards promotional items 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 Carole Lancon and seconded by Greg Domingue to approve the above-mentioned request.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2026.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by the Atchafalaya Basin Festival Association for the 2026 Atchafalaya Basin Festival, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$2000.00 to be used towards promotional items 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 Christine Friedman and seconded by Tonia Peltier to approve the above-mentioned request.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Fred Foti Jr. (excused).

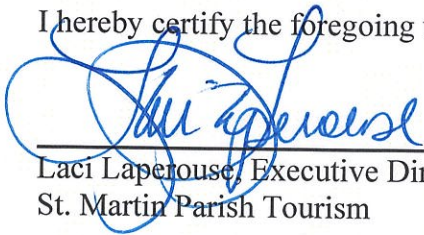
And the motion was declared adopted on this 12th day of August 2026.

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, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site, 1200 North Main Street, St. Martinville.

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