

ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2024

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. The meeting was held at 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: Christine Friedman, Marel Thibodeaux, Fred Foti Jr., Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott. The following members were absent: Yvette Landry (excused), and Carole Lancon (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, September 18th, 2024.

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

YEAS: Christine Friedman, Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Carole Lancon.

And the motion was declared adopted this 9th day of October 2024.

A motion was made by Christine Friedman and seconded by Marel Thibodeaux to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of September 2024.

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

YEAS: Christine Friedman, Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Carole Lancon.

And the motion was declared adopted this 9th day of October 2024.

A detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse regarding rescheduling the next Tourism Commission meeting, originally set for November 13th, 2024. Both Executive Director Laci Laperouse and Assistant Director Megan LeBlanc will be out of state on that date attending the Culinary Trails Event in Denver. After considering this, the commission approved the request to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday, November 6th, 2024.

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: Christine Friedman, Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Carole Lancon.

And the motion was declared adopted this 9th day of October 2024.

Executive Director Laci Laperouse presented the proposed dates and locations for the 2025 Tourism Commission meetings. After reviewing and discussing the schedule, the commissioners approved the proposed dates and locations as presented.

A motion was made by Christine Friedman and seconded by Fred Foti Jr., to approve the above-mentioned request.

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

YEAS: Christine Friedman, Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Carole Lancon.

Prior to adjournment, Executive Director Laci Laperouse discussed her upcoming Sales Mission in Florida and the upcoming Culinary Trails Event in Denver, CO.

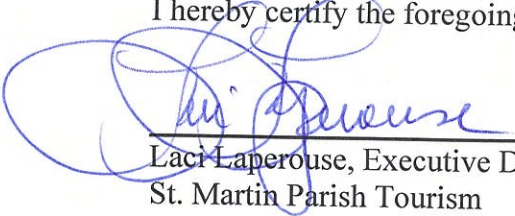
Following the Tourism Updates, Executive Director Laci Laperouse invited comments or discussion from the board members. Board Member Karlos Knott shared details about the new

seasonal items planned for the Bayou Teche Brewing/Cajun Saucer menu. Board Member Fred Foti Jr., then inquired about a new Air BNB that has recently opened or is opening in St. Martinville, seeking additional information from the group. No additional details were available from the group.

With no further business, Executive Director Laci Laperouse announced the next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., located at the St. Martin Parish Tourism Office, 601 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., and seconded by Karlos Knott that the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be exact and true:



Laci Laperouse, Executive Director
St. Martin Parish Tourism