

ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. The meeting was held at Poche's RV Park and Fish-N-Camp, 1080 Sawmill Highway, Breaux Bridge.

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

The following members were present: Carole Lancon, Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux (Arrived at 4:39 P.M.), Tonia Peltier, Karlos Knott, and Greg Domingue. The following members were absent: Christine Friedman (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, August 13, 2025.

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

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, Greg Domingue

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

ABSENT AT VOTING: Marel Thibodeaux

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., and seconded by Karlos Knott to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of August 2025.

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

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, and Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

ABSENT AT VOTING: Marel Thibodeaux

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Atchafalaya Basin Festival Association for the 2025 Atchafalaya Basin Festival the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$2,000.00 to be used towards promotional materials, advertisement, and/or entertainment for said event.
- Social Media Boosts
- Events Page (Local and State Tourism Office)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars

A motion was made by Fred Foti 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: Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, and Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

ABSENT AT VOTING: Marel Thibodeaux

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by St. Joseph Church and St. Louis Mission Chapel for the 2025 Parks Family Fest, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$300.00 to be paid towards vendors only
- Social Media Boosts
- Events Page (Local and State Tourism Office)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars.

A motion was made by Carole Lancon 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: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Civic Club de Pont Breaux for the 2025 City-Wide Garage Sale, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$500.00 to be used towards promotional materials, advertisement, and/or entertainment for said event.
- Social Media Boosts
- Events Page (Local and State Tourism Office)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars.

A motion was made by Tonia Peltier 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: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by the Breaux Bridge Area Chamber of Commerce for the 2025 Pumpkin Patch, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$250.00 to be used towards promotional materials, advertisement, and/or entertainment for said event.
- Social Media Boosts
- Events Page (Local and State Tourism Office)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., 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: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

Executive Director Laci informed the commission that a sponsorship request from Krewe de Pont had been submitted after the meeting agenda had already been posted. She explained that for the request to be considered during this meeting, a motion would need to be made to extend the agenda.

A motion was made by Carole Lancon and seconded by Marel Thibodeaux to extend the agenda.

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

YEAS: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, and Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

After a detailed discussion ensued among Commissioners and the Executive Director, Laci Laperouse, regarding the request received by Krewe de Pont for the 2025 Krewez de Pont Car Show, the following assistance was approved:

- Sponsorship of \$300.00 to be used towards promotional materials, advertisement, and/or entertainment for said event.
- Social Media Boosts
- Events Page (Local and State Tourism Office)
- Submission of the event to the radio/news media community calendars.

A motion was made by Karlos Knott 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: Fred Foti Jr., Marel Thibodeaux, Karlos Knott, Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, Greg Domingue.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Christine Friedman

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of September 2025.

With no further business, Executive Director Laci Laperouse announced that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the St. Martin Parish Tourism Office, located at 601 East Bridge Street, Breaux Bridge.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., and seconded by Tonia Peltier, 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laci Laperouse", written over a horizontal line.

Laci Laperouse, Executive Director
St. Martin Parish Tourism