

ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2024

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6th, 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, Fred Foti Jr., Tonia Peltier, Karlos Knott, and Carole Lancon. The following members were absent: Yvette Landry (excused), and Marel Thibodeaux (excused)

A motion was made by Carole Lancon and seconded by Tonia Peltier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024.

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

YEAS: Christine Friedman, Fred Foti Jr., Carol Lancon, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Marel Thibodeaux.

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of November 2024.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr. and seconded by Christine Friedman to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of October 2024.

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

YEAS: Christine Friedman, Fred Foti Jr., Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Marel Thibodeaux.

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of November 2024.

The Tourism Commissioners and Executive Director Laci Laperouse discussed a request for assistance for the Honoring of a Living Legend: Donna Angelle Event. After a detailed discussion, the decision to approve \$200 in support of the event was made.

A motion was made by Karlos Knott and seconded by Carole Lancon, to approve the above-mentioned request.

Following the motion, additional discussion ensued, and the original motion was rescinded. The final decision to purchase a frame and include a printed copy of Donna Angelle's interview with Jude Theriot was approved. The frame will be presented to Mrs. Angelle at the event.

A motion was made by Karlos Knott 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., Carole Lancon, Tonia Peltier, and Karlos Knott

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Yvette Landry, and Marel Thibodeaux.

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of November 2024.

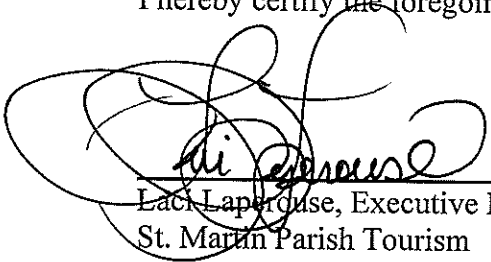
Executive Director Laci Laperouse introduced the opportunity for St. Martin Parish Tourism to become a sponsor of the Festival Acadiens et Créoles in 2025. The commissioners reviewed the partnership packet and engaged in a discussion about the potential benefits of sponsorship. The commissioners expressed that the festival's popularity and its celebration of Cajun and Creole culture make it a valuable opportunity for the region. While there was consensus that sponsorship could be beneficial, no final decision was made. The matter will be revisited in the new year for further consideration and determination of sponsorship details.

Prior to adjournment, Executive Director Laci Laperouse invited comments or discussion from the board members. There were no comments or discussions.

With no further business, Executive Director Laci Laperouse announced the next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., located at the Atchafalaya Basin Landing and Swamp Tours/Turtle's Bar and Grill, 1377 Henderson Levee Road, Henderson.

A motion was made by Fred Foti Jr., and seconded by Tonia Peltier 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 Laprise, Executive Director
St. Martin Parish Tourism