

The **Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting** was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Southern Hotel, 428 E Boston Street, Covington, LA.. Chairman Mark Myers called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. A roll call then took place.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Alex Carollo
 Bonnie Eades
 Patti Elish
 Mark Myers
 Marlaine Peachey

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Katie Diemont

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

T. J. Smith, Jr.

A quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marlaine Peachey made **A MOTION** to approve the October 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Patti Elish seconded, and, the **The Motion** carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patti Elish presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2020 and November 2020. Marlaine Peachey made **A MOTION** to file the Treasurer's Reports for audit as presented. Patti Elish seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

STAFF REPORT

~Zondra Jones,, Senior Sales Manager, and Christina Cooper, Vice President of Communications presented the Staff Reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FOR FY 2019/2020

•The Commissioners were given copies of the annual audit for Fiscal Year 2019/2020, which was conducted by the accounting firm LaPorte. John Murray, CPA, stated it was another "clean" audit for the Tourist Commission, and that they found no violations or deficiencies with management and internal control, and the organization was in full compliance with state and local budget laws. Alex Carollo made **A MOTION** to accept the annual audit and Bonnie Eades seconded. **The Motion** carried.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Having held a Budget Public Hearing prior to this Regular Meeting, Chairman Mark Myers presented and read a **Resolution** to adopt the budget for the fiscal year of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Marlaine Peachey made **A MOTION** to adopt the budget for January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Bonnie Eades seconded and following a roll call vote, **The Motion** carried unanimously.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Proposed meeting dates for 2021 were presented to the board. Alex Carollo made **A MOTION** to approve, with two dates corrected, and Patti Elish seconded. **The Motion** carried. The dates are:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Harbor Center
 Tuesday, April 27, 2021 location to be determined
 Tuesday, June 29, 2021 location TBD
 Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at the Harbor Center
 Tuesday, October 26, 2021 location TBD

Tuesday, December 14, 2021* location TBD
* preceded by Budget Public Hearing

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021

Bonnie Eades made **A MOTION** to retain the current three sitting officers through the end of the year. Mark Myers, Chairman, Marlaine Peachey, Vice Chair and Patti Elish, Treasurer agreed to repeat. Alex Carollo seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

AUXILIARY AGENDA

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

--Mark Myers said the Lobby Lounge hopes to return in the spring.

GUEST COMMENTS

--Byron Almquist of Canoe and Trail Adventures said they are now offering rentals of kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards for the Bogue Falaya River from The Chimes restaurant in Covington.

--Tracy Roskens said the 22 year-old Castine Center will undergo some renovations. At the park, they have been taking a lot of requests for outdoor permits.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Harbor Center in Slidell.

ADJOURN

Bonnie Eades made **A MOTION** to adjourn and Alex Carollo seconded. **The Motion** carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

S | Rae Shipley

Rae Shipley
Recording Secretary

S | Mark A. Myers

Mark A. Myers
Chairman