

ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The **Regular Board Meeting** was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Holiday Inn Express, Slidell, LA.

Chair Marlaine Peachey called the Regular meeting to order at 2:00 PM. She gave the **Invocation** and Alex Carollo led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Barry Bagert
Alex Carollo
Katherine Domingue
Patti Elish
Mark Myers
Marlaine Peachey
Melissa Ruddick

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Marlaine Peachey asked if Board members had looked over the Agenda and approved of it. Alex Carollo made **A MOTION** to approve the agenda and Barry Bagert seconded. **The Motion** carried.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION to approve the December 5, 2023 Budget Public Meeting minutes and the December 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes was made by Patti Elish. Melissa Ruddick seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donna O'Daniels presented the Treasurer's Report for November, 2023, and December, 2023. Barry Bagert made **A MOTION** to file the Financial Report for audit as presented. Katie Domingue seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

STAFF REPORT

▪Tanya Leader, Vice President of Sales and Services, and Katie Guasco, Chief Marketing Officer, presented the Sales and Marketing staff report.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The RFP went out and bids were opened January 31st. We only received two bids from contractors. One was not a qualified bid. The other was \$160,000 more than had been budgeted. Donna said the work is expected to take five months. Following discussion, Patti Elish made **A MOTION** to accept the low bid and adjust the budget accordingly. Mark Myers seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Mark Myers said Lobby Lounge is doing very well and they have some great acts lined-up for this season. The 19th Annual Crawfish Cookoff, benefiting Hospice Foundation of the South, will take place on April 20 at Fritchie Park in Slidell. Approximately 50 teams will serve 20 tons of crawfish.
- Alex Carollo said the City of Slidell had a successful slate of events for the holidays. They have an Arts Evening coming up on March 2, in Olde Towne, that is free admission. There will be a St. Patrick's Day parade on Sunday, March 10. The Bayou Jam concert series will take place at Heritage Park on Friday, March 22.
- Katie Domingue said her hotel property, the Hampton Inn in Slidell, is halfway through its renovations.

VISIT
THE NORTHSHORE

LOUISIANA'S *Easy* ESCAPE



GUEST COMMENTS

▪Kathy Lowrey said the Harbor Center is hosting the Food Truck Festival on March 2 from 11:00 until 3:00. Here Comes the Bride Expo 2024 will be held the next day, March 3rd.The 9,000 square foot meeting and pre-function space addition is targeted for completion in the Fall of this year.

NEXT MEETING

▪The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at a location to be determined.

ADJOURN

▪Mark Myers made A MOTION to adjourn, and Alex Carollo seconded. The Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

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Rae Shipley
Recording Secretary

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Marlane Peachey
Chairman