



ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2021

A **Special Board of Commissioners Meeting** was held on Thursday, January 14 via Zoom Conference.

Chairman Mark Myers. called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.. Following the roll call Mr. Myers opened the floor for discussion.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Alex Carollo  
Katie Diemont  
Bonnie Eades  
Patti Elish  
Mark Myers  
Marlaine Peachey

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

T. J. Smith, Jr

*A quorum was present*

Mark Myers asked for a motion to allow and proceed with the meeting, as it is being held via Zoom. Patti Elish made **A MOTION** to proceed with the meeting pursuant to the Governor’s extension permitting them to take place. Alex Carollo seconded, and **The Motion** carried.

Donna O’Daniels said we have one million dollars in reserve if we should lose a significant amount of hotel inventory. We also have about 2 million dollars in reserve in our fund balance. Experts in tourism are predicting that it will take until 2024 or 2025 for a complete recovery. Should we seek a loan through Paycheck Protection Program, according to an analysis done by Devan Richoux, we would be seeking just under \$150,000 representing 2 1/2 times the monthly payroll expenses. They are asking the board to authorize us to apply for a PPP loan in that amount, and we would be seeking forgiveness from the SBA. If you can demonstrate that your revenue is down by more that 25% it should be forgivable. If it is not forgivable we will pay it back. The purpose of getting the loan is to keep from having to reach quite as heavily into our reserves. Donna said we are fortunate that we have kept our full staff during the pandemic. Chairman Myers then asked for a motion allowing him to read and present the **Resolution** for adoption. Bonnie Eades made **A MOTION** to allow and Alex Carollo seconded. **The Motion** carried.

We received a \$92,000 grant as part of the State’s Sunshine Grants and Louisiana Travel Association required a **Resolution** be passed allowing the President and CEO authorizing her to sign contracts, etc. on behalf of the Tourist Commission. Donna read the Resolution. Marlaine Peachey made **A MOTION** to approve the Resolution and Alex Carollo seconded. **The Motion** carried.

Patti Elish made **A MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. **The Motion** was seconded by Bonnie Eades, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

*S | Rae Shipley*

Rae Shipley  
Recording Secretary

*S | Mark A. Myers*

Mark A. Myers  
Chairman