

Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission

Minutes of July 27, 2022

Members Present: Tammy Gordon, Henri Deshotels, Eric Adcock, Victoria Bourque, Karen Broussard, Cathy Burdette
Members Absent: Shalana Francis Angela LeBlanc (work), Bill Comeaux (dr)
Others Present: Alison Miller

The meeting was called to order and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commissioners reviewed the Agenda. There were no additions or changes.

There were no guest in attendance.

A motion was made by Henri Deshotels, seconded by Karen Broussard, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Wednesday, May 18, 2022, as written.

Alison Miller provided the financial information. Mrs. Miller informed the Commission that sales tax revenue continues to be in the positive and it is expected to continue that trend for the next couple of months. **A motion was made by Tammy Gordon, seconded by Karen Broussard, and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills as presented.**

Alison Miller provided an update on tourism activities and meetings she attended on behalf of the Commission. The Vermilion Chamber, Abbeville Main Street, Tourist Commission and Economic Development have been meeting monthly to go over ideas for the parish, upcoming projects and items they can work on together. VPTC has been awarded a \$20,000 LOT Cooperative Marketing Program Grant for July 2022 to June 2023. Mrs. Miller invited the Commission to the "Meet the Artist" Reception on Thursday, August 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. She is the featured artist for July through the beginning of October.

Alison Miller provided the Commission with the repair estimate for the main AC from the City of Abbeville. A discussion was held on what VPTC saves by being housed inside the building, what amount could VPTC afford to pay based on our current budget and what amount the other organizations plan to pay. **A motion was made by Tammy Gordon, seconded by Karen Broussard, and unanimously carried to pay between \$2,500 and \$3,000 depending upon what is needed by the City.**

Plans for the Grand Reveil Acadien Opening Day event on October 1 were discussed. Alison Miller and Charlene Beckett have met with the parish museums and the representative for the family reunions. Mrs. Miller has prepared a spreadsheet for estimated costs which was sent to Louisiana-Acadie and LOT to request funding for the event. Commissioners will be kept informed on plans.

Alison Miller informed the Commission that Maurice Commissioner, Shalana Francis, has missed three consecutive meetings. According to the bylaws, a Commissioner will need to be removed after missing three consecutive meetings. A brief discussion was held regarding meetings attended by Mrs. Francis and if she receives the meeting notices and information. Mrs. Miller stated that the last meeting attended was July 2020 and meeting information is mailed and emailed. No mail has been returned by the postal service as undeliverable and Mrs. Francis has replied to emails in the past. **A motion was made by Tammy Gordon, seconded by Cathy Burdette, and unanimously carried to send a letter to Mrs. Francis informing her of her removal from the Commission due to lack of attendance.**

Eric Adcock invited the Commission to the VHS program that will take place at the Abbeville Library at 6pm on July 27. It will be a program by Warren Perrin regarding the Queen's apology for the deportation of the Acadians from Nova Scotia.

Tammy Gordon provided the Commission with an update on Dwight's Restaurant opening a second location near Bayou Carlin Cove in Delcambre. She also handed out brochures on the Delcambre Shrimp Festival that will be held August 17-21, 2022.

Eric Adcock provided the Commission with more information for the Abbeville Walking Tour app. The initial set-up fee is \$1,000 with an approximate yearly hosting fee of \$1,200. The app can have five tours and be multi-lingual. Grant funds can be used to pay for the first year. Alison Miller will stay in contact with Eric Adcock and Mayor White regarding the app.

The next meeting of the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 3:30 pm at Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Karen Broussard, seconded by Tammy Gordon, and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by:



Alison Miller, VPTC Secretary