

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: August 13, 2019**

The meeting was opened, and the following attendance was noted:

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Ryan Kitchen, Chairman	Jennings	x	
Lorraine Bertrand, Vice-Chairman	Elton	x	
John Marceaux, Secretary/Treasurer	Lake Arthur	x	
Roberta Palermo	Lake Arthur	x	
Ronnie Petree	Welsh	X	
Kathleen LeBlanc	Lake Arthur	X	
Becky Hudson	Welsh	X	
Marion "Butch" Fox, Executive Director	Director	X	
Dione Sabelhaus, Marketing Director	Marketing Director	X	

Guest Present: N/A

Call to Order: Ryan kitchen called the meeting to order at 8:03 am, Ronnie Petree led the prayer and pledge.

Approval of Agenda ~ A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree** and seconded by **Becky Hudson**, passed unanimously to approve the June agenda.

Approval of Minutes ~ a motion was made by **Ronnie Petree**, seconded by **Lorraine Bertrand**, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of **June 19, 2019 & Special Meeting June 25, 2019**

Public Comments ~ N/A

Approval of Financials ~ a motion was made by **John Marceaux** to approve **May & June 2019** financial report seconded by **Kathleen LeBlanc**, passed unanimously.

CEO/President report, Marion Fox

- I along with Dione and Jamie will attend the Lt Governor's Travel Summit in Baton Rouge August 27-29, 2019
- I'm still waiting on bids from 3 different contractors to repair Tourist Commission Building. Some of the repairs that needs to be repaired are the rotting window seals, uneven floors, replacing insulation between walls and outside of building, and replace rotten boards on the outside of the building.

Marketing Director Report: Dione Sabelhaus

- I will leave on Friday, August 16 to go promote Jeff Davis Parish and Southwest Louisiana in Moncton, New Brunswick at the 2019 World Congress of Acadians. They estimate around 5,000 to 8,000 people will attend this event
- 39th Annual Stearman Flyin will be October 2-6, 2019. Some Stearman will start to arrive on Tuesday, October 1st to start setting up tents. They are hoping to have at least 25 Stearman and 10 Taildraggers attend this year's event.
- Wildlife and Fisheries and Tourist Commission will host a "Get Out and Fish" tournament for children and adults on November 2, 2019. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors. Sponsors for food, drinks and door prizes for the children and volunteers to help kids' fish and to have educational booth on fishing.

Upcoming events – Veterans of Americans will have their event on August 24 at the I-10 Park, Rock the Dock, CRA Rodeo, Stearman Flyin, and Last Resort

New Business:

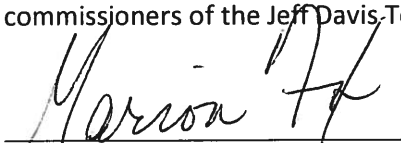
- Reappoint Ryan Kitchen and Kathleen Leblanc to the Tourist Commission Board
- We are buying 2 AC Curtains and placing them by the front door and gator entrance To help control the heat inside the building.
- A motion was made by **John Marceaux**, seconded by **Lorraine** to approve the Tourist Development & Marketing Grant for **City of Jennings, Cajun Rodeo Association and Last Car Resort**, passed unanimously

Old Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment: A motion was made by **Ronnie Petree**, seconded by **Becky Hudson** and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the first meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Tourist Commission held on August 13, 2019.


MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO