

# Acadia Parish Tourist Commission Meeting

November 14, 2024, at 9 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at 401 Tower Rd, Crowley, LA 70526

**Board Members Present:** .....

Harold Fonte (Secretary/Church Point)	Valerie Rue (City of Crowley)
Luke Dupre' (Vice Chair/Town of Iota)	Keith Henry (Village of Mermentau)
Suzette Leonards (City of Rayne)	
Marietta Leonards (Treasurer/Rayne Chamber/at Large "B")	
Carey Lawson (Acadia Chamber/at Large "C")	

**Board Members Not Present:** .....

Bart Wild (Chairman/Member at Large A) wk	Nora Benoit (Village of Morse) flu
Chellie Godeaux (Town of Estherwood) Dr apt	

**Call to Order** Luke Dupre' called meeting to order with roll call, noting there is a quorum.

**1 Prayer**                      **2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** Keith Henry made a motion to accept the October minutes as presented. Seconded by Harold Fonte. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Marietta Leonards stated for the month of October we collected \$14,202.91 in hotel tax, total expenses is \$55,048.01, total money in the bank is \$228,378.07, total assets is \$335,717.60, \$10,175.86 in accounts payable, \$91,059.57 in total liabilities and \$335,717.60 in total equity. Marietta Leonards made a motion to accept the October financials as presented. Seconded by Harold Fonte. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Wendy Harrington stated our new sign should be here by mid-December, Amy and I will have classes on how to program the sign. We need a 30w amp for the sign and an electrician has been called. The plants around the old sign have been moved and the fence was taken down and made into props for FAM Tour photos.

**New Business:** Wendy Harrington stated we will have next 2025 meeting dates at the next meeting. Keith Henry made a motion to pay half for the Placer Ai with the Acadia Parish Chamber unless the Acadia Parish Chamber backed out of Placer Ai then we would pay the \$27k in full. Seconded by Suzette Leonards. Motion carried. Wendy Harrington stated Chelsey Hopkins will be our new "Member at Large D", elected by the Church Point Community Development Corp.

**Municipality Reports:** none

**Director's Report:** Wendy Harrington stated our Nov. 2024 FAM Tour was great, with alot of positive feedback. We will have an Open House to kick off Mardi Gras on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, here at the office. We will have live French music, traditional Mardi Gras costumes and Rayne High School will Cater.

**Vice Chairman:** Luke Dupre' stated next meeting will be on December 12th at 9 a.m. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Walker Harrington, Executive Director

Commission Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bart Wild, Board Chairman

Amy A. Mathiew, Administrative Coordinator/aam