

Acadia Parish Tourist Commission Meeting Minutes

for January 9, 2025, at 9 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners is held at
401 Tower Road
Crowley, Louisiana 70526

Board Members Present:

Suzette Leonards (Chairman/City of Rayne)	Valerie Rue (City of Crowley)
Keith Henry (Vice Chair/Village of Mermentau)	Bart Wild (Member at Large "A")
Marietta Leonards (Secretary/Rayne Chamber/at Large "B")	Harold Fonte (Church Point)
Chellie Godeaux (Treasurer/Town of Estherwood)	Nora Benoit (Village of Morse)
Carey Lawson (Acadia Chamber/at Large "C")	Chelsey Hopkins (C.P.C.D/at Large "D")

Board Members Not Present:

Luke Dupre' (Town of Iota)

Call to Order: Bart Wild called meeting to order with roll call, noting there is a quorum.

1 Prayer

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Nominations: New Officers & Executive Committee

Chair ~ Suzette Leonards

Vice Chair ~ Keith Henry

Secretary ~ Marietta Leonards

Treasurer ~ Chellie Godeaux

Carey Lawson made the motion for Suzette to become chair. Suzette accepted.

Seconded by Nora Benoit. Motion carried.

Chellie Godeaux made the motion for Keith to become vice chair. Keith accepted.

Seconded by Suzette Leonards. Motion carried.

Carey Lawson made the motion for Marietta to become secretary. Marietta accepted.

Seconded by Val Myers. Motion carried.

Keith Henry made the motion to have Chellie become treasurer. Chellie accepted.

Seconded by Carey Lawson. Motion carried.

Chellie Godeaux made a motion to have the executive board as follows:

Bart Wild/Past Chair, Suzette Leonards/Chair & Marietta Leonards/Member at Large

Seconded by Harold Fonte. Motion carried.

Bart Wild adjourned the meeting.

Suzette Leonards brought the meeting to order.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Keith Henry made a motion to accept the December minutes as presented.

Seconded by Carey Lawson. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Keith Henry made a motion to amend the 2024 budget. Seconded by Bart Wild. Motion carried.

Old Business: Wendy Harrington stated the new sign is up and running and asked for APTC to please amend her contract and pay a percent % like 80/20 or 85/15 % of her medical insurance and have it retro-active to January 1, 2025. The executive board will discuss.

Chellie Godeaux made a motion to have the employees change from bi-monthly to bi-weekly payroll. Seconded by Val Myers. Motion carried.

New Business: 2025 budget needs work. Tabled Chellie Godeaux made a motion to accept the May meeting date corrected: from May 15th to the 8th, 2025. Seconded by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried. Wendy Harrington will look into what it would cost to have a storage building built on the property to hold the antic equipment.

Keith Henry made a motion to pay \$500 to sponsor the Rayne Mardi Gras Parade Float. Seconded by Harold Fonte. Motion carried.

Keith Henry made a motion to become a Premium Partner with LTA for \$4,000. Seconded by Val Myers. Motion carried.

Municipality Reports: none

Chairman: Suzette Leonards stated the next board meeting will be on February 13th, 2025, at 9 am here at the Acadia Parish Visitors Center.

Approved:

Wendy Walker Harrington, Executive Director

Date: _____

Suzette Leonards, Chairman

Date: _____