

Acadia Parish Tourist Commission Meeting Minutes

for April 10, 2025, at 9:00 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)
	Harold Fonté (Church Point)
Marietta Leonards (Secretary/Rayne Chamber/at Large "B")	Nora Benoit (Village of Morse)
Chellie Godeaux (Treasurer/Town of Estherwood)	Luke Dupré (Town of Iota)
Carey Lawson (Acadia Parish Chamber/at Large "C")	
Chelsey Hopkins (C.P.C.D/at Large "D")	

Board Members Not Present:

Keith Henry (Vice Chairman/Village of Mermentau)
Bart Wild (Member at Large "A")

Call to Order:

Suzette Leonards called the meeting to order with roll call, noting there is a quorum.

1 Prayer

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Chelsey Hopkins made a motion to accept the February minutes as presented.
Second by Luke Dupré. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Wendy Harrington spoke to the board regarding the meeting with the auditor. She stated that the 2025 Budget is being worked daily, however, until the audits/close-outs from previous years are corrected, 2025 will continue to be off. She stated we will continue to make notes for the auditors, so we can finally get our financials straight for the future of Acadia Parish Tourism.

New Business:

Chellie Godeaux made a motion to increase our LTA Culinary Trails sponsorship from \$3,000 to \$6,000 so we can add Wayne Toups to our sponsorship for the Taste Louisiana Event in NYC on October 28, 2025. We will be able to introduce him as we give promotion to Acadia Parish.
Second by Chelsey Hopkins. Motion carried.

Chellie Godeaux made a motion to advertise the property exchange & adopt resolutions/ordinances in the paper for the two times needed to finalize the land swap. Second by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried.

Luke Dupré made a motion to hire Chere Ledoux as our intern for social media at \$12 an hour starting at 20 hours a week for the summer. Second by Nora Benoit. Motion carried.

Wendy Harrington stated she would like to make a Planning & Building Advisory Committee and have Carey Lawson-LSUE after her term as Acadia Chamber/at Large "C", as well as others from our Parish.

Old Business:

None

Municipality Reports:

None

Chairman:

Suzette Leonards stated the next board meeting will be on May 8, 2025, at 9:00 am here at the Acadia Parish Visitors Center.

Approved:

Wendy Walker Harrington, Executive Director

Date: _____

Suzette Leonards, Chairman

Date: _____