



A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners

August 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM

401 Tower Road

Crowley, Louisiana 70526

Board Members Present:

Suzette Leonards - Chairman/City of Rayne	Luke Dupré - Town of Iota
Keith Henry - Vice Chairman/Village of Mermentau	Harold Fonte - Town of Church Point
Chellie Godeaux - Treasurer/Village of Estherwood	Nora Benoit - Village of Morse
Marietta Leonards - Secretary/Rayne Chamber/at Large "B"	
Nicole DeJean-Broussard - Acadia Parish Chamber/at Large "C"	
Chelsey Gallow Hopkins - Church Point Community Development Corp/at Large "D"	

Board Members Not Present:

Valerie Myers - City of Crowley - Vacation	Bart Wild - at Large "A" - Work
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Call to Order: Suzette Leonards @ 9:05AM

Called the meeting to order with roll call, noting there is a quorum.

Prayer - Wendy **Pledge of Allegiance** - Luke

Approve Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2025:

Nicole DeJean-Broussard made a motion to accept August 14, 2025, minutes as presented.

Second by Nora Benoit. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Nicole

Wendy and I worked on our financials, and I think we've gotten them much better. Our cash on hand right now is 189,201. We have a little bit of receivable funding from the occupancy tax. Investments at Charles Schwab is 162,000, which includes some cash. Profit and loss compared to the budget to actual. Total income right now is 94,000. Our budget for the year is 140,000. We're at 67% of that budget. When we started making an invoice we started using the occupancy tax category. We left the line with hotel motel tax revenue to show the amount collected there. We are working on setting up online payment system for all our occupancy tax payments, starting in Jan 2026. Luke Dupré made a motion to accept the financial report. Second by Chelsey Gallow Hopkins. Motion carried.

Director's Report/New Business: Wendy

- A. First item is to have the board declare the seat for Iota vacant and request the mayor of Iota to appoint a new member to the APTC board. Wendy: I sent Luke a letter and cc'ed Suzette and Cody before this meeting. After a lengthy discussion regarding Iota not having a representative who is able to attend the APTC monthly board meetings a motion was made by Nicole DeJean-Broussard to declare that the tourism seat vacant for the town of Iota and request the mayor of Iota or his representative fill the vacant seat. Wendy: I appreciate the motion. I don't want to table it. I would rather just deny this motion without a second. Allow Luke to talk to Cody and you will turn in your resignation before the September 2025 meeting, because it does look better for you. Suzette: This motion is denied due to lack of second. All in favor. Any nays? So, Moved. Chelsey: In the event Luke does not talk with Cody and/or turn in his resignation to Cody in the timing frame Luke has agreed too; is this back on the agenda? Wendy: YES

B. Proposed Policy & Procedure Changes: Under Compensation - Pay Procedures

Employees are paid by-weekly ~~semi-monthly, on the 15th and the last day of the month.~~ If pay day falls on ~~either day falls on a weekend or holiday,~~ the executive director will adjust pay day accordingly. ~~employees will be paid the preceding workday.~~ Any questions about salary or pay should be discussed with the executive director. Chellie Godeaux made a motion to make the written changes to reflect the changes we made in Feb 2025. Second by Nora Benoit. Motion carried.

MEDIA UPDATES: Chere

KLFY gave us two spots for Acadian Day and KRVS recorded 18-minute interview with Ms. Martha and me with they aired repeatedly. Mr. Harold was also featured on both stations for Le Grand Reveil Acadien 2025. We have been posting French word of the day and working daily on our social media platforms.

OLD BUSINESS: Nicole/Wendy

Charles Schwab & LAMP Financial Investment – The bond was called a little bit earlier than the due date. We currently have around \$44,000/change in cash that's available to move to LAMP. At our July meeting we talked about possibly taking some of that money, I think \$40,000 to invest with LAMP. Chellie Godeaux made a motion to invest \$40,000 with the LAMP and review it in six months. Second by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried.

MUNICIPALITY REPORTS:

Chellie - Estherwood Park Fest is coming up on September 13th at the walking track.

Wendy - Acadian Day in Rayne on August 15th at the Bernard Bertrand House

Suzette - RV Spots for the Rayne Civic Center go on sell Tuesday, August 19th for KBON - \$30 per night

Marietta - German Fest in Roberts Cove - October 4th & 5th

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Suzette

Next Board Meeting is September 11, 2025, at 9:AM at the Acadia Parish Visitors Center

Chellie Godeaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Nora Benoit. Motion carried.

_____ made a motion to accept August 14, 2025, minutes as presented.

Second by _____. Motion carried. Signed on October 9, 2025.

Wendy Walker Harrington, Executive Director

Suzette Leonards, Chairman