



**A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Minutes from January 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM
401 Tower Road
Crowley, Louisiana 70526**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

Bart Wild - at Large "A"

Call to Order: Suzette Leonards at 9:05 AM Called the meeting to order with roll call, noting there is a quorum.

Prayer: Wendy - **Pledge of Allegiance:** Marietta Leonards

Nominations for 2026 Officers & Executive Board:

- Marietta Leonards nominated Keith Henry as Chairman. Second by Chellie Godeaux. Motion carried.
- Keith Henry nominated Valerie Myers as Vice-Chairman. Second by Nora Benoit. Motion carried.
- Keith Henry nominated Nicole DeJean-Broussard as Treasurer. Second by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried.
- Chellie Godeaux nominated Chelsey Gallow Hopkins as Secretary. Second by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried.

Executive Committee for 2026: Keith Henry nominated Chellie Godeaux & Nicole DeJean-Broussard for the Executive Board, along with 2025 Chairman Suzette Leonards. Second by Harold Fonte. Motion carried.
No other nominations were made for 2026 Officers or Executive Board

Adjourn Meeting at 9:15 AM with 2025 Chairman: Suzette Leonards "Thank you for a wonderful year. It's been an honor."

Call the Meeting to Order at 9:16 AM with 2026 Chairman: Keith Henry

Approved Meeting Minutes from previous meeting: Harold Fonte made a motion to accept December 11, 2025, minutes as presented. Second by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Nicole DeJean-Broussard

The projection for the Occupancy Tax collection in 2025 was 134,000, as of today even though we have not received all of December and 4th Quarter we have collected \$17,120.12 more than what we hoped. We will begin sending out the payment links Feb 1st. Suzette Leonards made a motion to accept the financial report. Second by Valerie Myers. Motion carried.

Director's Report/New Business: Wendy

Needed permission to update the policy and procedures and/or by-laws to add the benefit of the monthly cell phone stipend. Chellie Godeaux made a motion to update policy and procedures and/or by-laws. Second by Harold Fonte. Motion carried.

Media Updates: Chere

Please keep Voting for Rayne. Out of 400 towns Rayne has stayed in the top 10. It would be a great event if we would win! We now have a monthly interview on KBON to help promote our Parish and events. Mardi Gras video was released, and we are promoting all Mardi Gras events in the Parish. Update date on French and marketing classes. Chere was also accepted into 2026 Leadership Excel

Old Business: Wendy

The property is still dragging out, but I have reached out to Chris to see where we are. It is hard to get him moving as well.

Municipality Reports: Commissioners

We received all the information on the Boucherie and Mardi Gras events in each area of the parish.

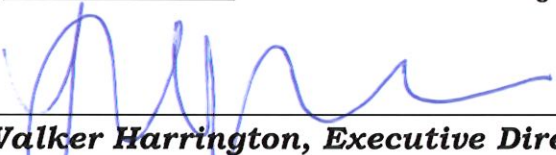
Chairman's Comments: Keith Henry

Next Board Meeting is February 12, 2026, at 9AM at the Acadia Parish Visitors Center.

Chellie Godeaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Marietta Leonards. Motion carried.

Nicole DeJean-Broussard made a motion to accept January 8, 2026, minutes as presented.

Second by Suzette Leonards. Motion carried and signed on February 12, 2026.



Wendy Walker Harrington, Executive Director



Keith Henry, Chairman