

Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission

Minutes of January 24, 2018

Members Present: Marlene Theriot, Ferric Montgomery, Shannon Neveaux, Sandra Reaux, Kathie Terpening, Karen Broussard
Members Absent: Odile Segrest (emergency surgery – husband), Terry Lancon (illness), Judy LeBlanc (prior commitment)
Others Present: Alison Miller

The January Meeting was moved from January 17 to January 24 due to extremely cold temperatures and icy road conditions the week of January 15, 2018.

The meeting was called to order and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Marlene Theriot welcomed all in attendance at the meeting. The Commission introduced themselves to new Kaplan Commissioner, Karen Broussard.

The Commissioners reviewed the Agenda. Alison Miller went over the new agenda format along with changes for the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Shannon Neveaux, seconded by Kathie Terpening, and unanimously carried to accept the Agenda as written.

A motion was made by Shannon Neveaux, seconded by Ferric Montgomery, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of Wednesday, November 15, 2017 as written.

A motion was made by Kathie Terpening, seconded by Shannon Neveaux, and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of bills as presented.

A brief discussion was held regarding the election of 2018 Officers. A motion was made by Kathie Terpening, seconded by Shannon Neveaux, and unanimously carried to nominate Odile Segrest as Chairman since she lives in downtown Abbeville and will be accessible when Alison Miller needs her. A motion was made by Marlene Theriot, seconded by Sandra Reaux, and unanimously carried to nominate Terry Lancon as Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Marlene Theriot, seconded by Kathie Terpening, and unanimously carried to nominate Shannon Neveaux as Treasurer. Since Alison Miller takes and types the minutes, the Commission appointed Alison Miller as Secretary. There were no other nominations or discussions regarding the Officers. Marlene Theriot will remain as Past Chairman on the Executive Committee.

Alison Miller provided the Commission with an update on the BP Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotion Grant. We have received the \$50,000 reimbursement check for the previous grant, as well as the \$150,000 check for the current grant. The bank signature card needs to be updated to add the new officers. It was suggested to check if they account type can be changed into an interest bearing account. A motion was made by Kathie Terpening, seconded by Shannon Neveaux, and unanimously carried to update the bank signature card with the requirement of two authorized signatures on the checks. Authorized signatures will be the following: Alison Miller, Odile Segrest, Terry Lancon, Kathryn Terpening, Shannon Neveaux.

Alison Miller provided the Commission with an update on the proposal to move the Tourist Commission to downtown and take over as the Curator of the Abbeville Historical Alliance and Cultural Center. The Louisiana State Treasurer has given the approval for the Alliance Center to reimburse the Tourist Commission the agreed upon salary so that one check is cut each pay period. Miller also provided the Commission with items that the committee felt should be in the contract. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Shannon Neveaux, seconded by Kathie Terpening, and unanimously carried to agree to move downtown, accept the contract with the items and terms discussed, make the necessary repairs to the current office to turn it back over to the City of Abbeville and create an inventory of items that are being transferred to downtown. Alison Miller will contact Lloyd Dore and inform him that the Commission has accepted the move and that she will be accepting the additional position.

Alison Miller informed the Commission that the Cajun Corridor Scenic Byway Checking account will be placed in dormant status and receive a \$6 charge each month if there is no activity on the account. The Commission instructed Miller to write a \$10 check from our regular account to this checking account.

Shannon Neveaux updated the Commission on a couple of upcoming events that will be held at the state park: Krewe of Palmetto Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade on Feb. 10 at 3pm and the Cracklin Cook-off and Demonstrations on Feb. 24 beginning at 8 am.

The next meeting of the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 4:00 pm at Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission. By the next meeting, the Tourist Commission should be located in the downtown office.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Shannon Neveaux, seconded by Ferric Montgomery, and unanimously carried to adjourn.

Minutes taken and respectively submitted by:

Alison Miller, VPTC Secretary