

**St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Frank M. Fernandez jr. Isleno Building
1345 Bayou Rd. St. Bernard, La 70085**

Call to Order at 4:38 p.m.

Present from the Tourist Commission: Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Lena Nunez, Gary Huettmann, Jenifer H. Andes and Jessica Reab. Absent was Claire Henderson.

Present from the Office of Tourism: Katie Tommaseo and Samantha Meyer.

Bill Hyland was the guest but no public comment.

6. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to accept last month's minutes. Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann, Jenifer H. Andes and Jessica Reab voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

7. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to accept the Financial Report. Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Gary Huettmann voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report regarding the Hotel/ Motel tax being down from last year. It is due in part to the writers' strike resulting in no films being filmed here. Even though it is down, it was still a 51.58 % increase from 2022 compared to 2021.

9. The motion to sponsor American Express Shop Small was tabled.

10. The motion to sponsor the Crab & Music Festival died.

11. The motion to sponsor Knights of Nemesis Luau died.

12. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor Battle of the Bayou by purchasing a table for \$750.00. Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills, Jessica Reab and Gary Huettman voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

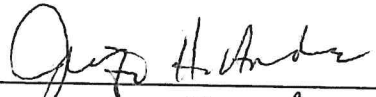
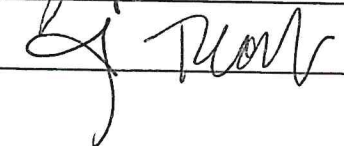
13. The motion to sponsor 2023 PRL Tournaments was tabled.

14. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Dorothy Hills to sponsor Wayne Warner documentary for \$1000. WLAE Productions will have The Tourist Commission recognized in the rolling credits at the end of the documentary. Jessica Reab, Jenifer H. Andes, Phyllis Diecidue and Lena Nunez voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

15. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Dorothy Hills to sponsor refreshments up to \$2500 for the WYES Bill Hyland's ST. Bernard Colonial Collaboration September 11. Lena Nunez, Jenifer H. Andes, Gary Huettmann and Jessica Reab voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

16. Next Meeting will be September 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Frank M. Fernandez Jr. Isleno Building 1345 Bayou Rd.

17. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion passed.

Chair  Date 9/20/23
Secretary  Date 9/20/23