

**St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday May 20, 2025**

**Aycock Barn, Arabi, LA 70032**

Call to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present from the Tourist Commission: Phyllis Diecidue, Lisamarie Brandon, Jenifer H. Andes, Gary Huettmann, Dorothy Hills, Lena Nunez and Jessica Reab.

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

There were no Guests or Public Comments.

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

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

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report regarding the Hotel/Motel tax which was good because of the Super Bowl here in New Orleans this year. She also spoke about various Tourism Grants and the upcoming St. Bernard Day at the Capitol on May 28.

9. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the National Redfish Tour Captain's Dinner June 4 at Docville for up to \$3,000.00. Lisamarie Brandon, Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Jenifer H. Andes and Gary Huettmann voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

10. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to sponsor a brick for the Buy a Brick Fundraiser at the Pavillion at Shell Beach for \$400.00. Lena Nunez,

Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Gary Huettmann voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Gary Huettmann to add the authorized signatures needed on the Tourist Commission bank account. Phyllis Diecidue, Lena Nunez, Dorothy Hills, Jessica Reab and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to pay the Tourist Commission insurance for \$993.65. Jenifer H. Andes, Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue, and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Gary Huettmann to sponsor the Juneteenth breakfast for \$500.00 plus a wreath. Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes, Lisamarie Brandon and Lena Nunez voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

14. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Jessica Reab to pay reimbursement of \$155.27 for the audio recorder for the Tourist Commission meetings. Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills, Gary Huettmann and Lena Nunez voted yea, no nays. Lisamarie Brandon did not vote because she had to leave early. Motion passed.

15. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to pay up to \$2,000 to refurbish the Los Islenos State Marker for the upcoming 50 yr Event. Jessica Reab, Phyllis Diecidue and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Lena Nunez abstained from voting due to her involvement with the Los Islenos Society and Lisamarie Brandon was not present. Motion passed.

16. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Dorothy Hills to purchase a Los Islenos brick for \$125.00. Jenifer H. Andes, Gary Huettmann and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Lena Nunez abstained from the vote and Lisamarie Brandon was not present. Motion passed.

17. Next Meeting: June 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Aycock Barn at 400 Aycock St, Arabi.

18. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m. All voted yea, motion passed.

Chair Shyllie Dunder Date 6/11/2025

Secretary Jerri H. Anderson Date 6/11/25