

Iberia Parish Tourist Commission
Board Minutes
October 25, 2022

Tammy Gordon called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission to order at 10:45 A.M. at the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation, 101 Burke St., New Iberia, LA.

Present:

Tammy Gordon
Joyce Buller
Germaine Comeaux
Kirsten Bourque
Liz Bodin
Phebe Hayes
Heidi Martin

Public:

Armand Schwing, Schwing Insurance Agency, Inc.
Evelyn Ducote
Liz Mauney
Mike Tarantino
Andy Shealy
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Present but not participating in formal actions:
Fran Thibodeaux, Staff

A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Heidi Martin to approve the October 25, 2022 agenda. Motion carried

A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Liz Bodin to approve the September 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

The director reported 2022 YTD tax collection is up 24% from 2021YTD collection. A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Heidi Martin to approve the September 2022 finance report. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider budget adjustments. A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Liz Bodin to make the following budget adjustments:

1690-511000-6420 Personal Services -\$13,000
1690-533000-6420 Professional Services +1,000
1690-600027-6420 Industrial Development Foundation +12,000
1690-551000-6420 Maintenance Contracts -\$2,200
1690-543100-6420 Repair & Maintenance Building +\$2,200

Yays: Kirsten Bourque, Heidi Martin, Germaine Comeaux, Liz Bodin, Joyce Buller, Phebe Hayes.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discuss and consider executive session for agenda items 8 – 11. A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Kirsten Bourque to go into executive session relevant to agenda items 8-11.

Andy Shealy announced he wants the minutes to reflect that the Board went into Executive session to discuss items 8, 9, 10, and 11 pursuant to the provisions in the revised statutes and LA R.S. 42:16 and LA R.S. 42:17 and that we had a discussion; no decisions or votes taken during executive session and will be now taken up during regular session.

Discuss and consider a motion to move back into regular session. A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Liz Bodin to move back into regular session. Motion carried.

Discuss and consider the appointment of Iberia Industrial Development Foundation President and CEO, Michael J. Tarantino as the Executive Director of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission in accordance with Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Iberia Parish Tourist Commission and Iberia Industrial Development Foundation. A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Heidi Martin to appoint the Iberia Industrial Development Foundation President and CEO, Michael J. Tarantino as the Executive Director of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission in accordance with Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Iberia Parish Tourist Commission and Iberia Industrial Development Foundation.

Yays: Heidi Martin, Germaine Comeaux, Joyce Buller, Liz Bodin, Phebe Hayes, Kirsten Bourque

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discuss and consider authorizing Michael J. Tarantino signatory authority on all contractual obligations with the Louisiana Tourism Fund between the LA Division of Administration and Iberia Parish Tourist Commission. A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Germaine Comeaux authorizing Michael J. Tarantino signatory authority on all contractual obligations with the Louisiana Tourism Fund between the LA Division of Administration and Iberia Parish Tourist Commission.

Yays: Heidi Martin, Germaine Comeaux, Joyce Buller, Liz Bodin, Phebe Hayes, Kirsten Bourque

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discuss and consider authorization for Michael J. Tarantino to open an operating bank account with signatory privileges. A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Liz Bodin authorizing Michael J. Tarantino to open an operating bank account with signatory privileges.

Yays: Heidi Martin, Germaine, Comeaux, Joyce Buller, Liz Bodin, Phebe Hayes, Kirsten Bourque

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Discuss and Consider Blue Cross Health Insurance Policy quote as presented by Armand Schwing, Schwing Insurance Agency, Inc. A motion by Kirsten Bourque, seconded by Heidi Martin to accept the Blue Cross Blue Saver Health, Dental and Life Insurance Policy as presented by Armand Schwing.

Yays: Heidi Martin, Germaine Comeaux, Joyce Buller, Liz Bodin, Phebe Hayes, Kirsten Bourque

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- Reported on the transition checklist including items that will complete the reorganization plan for the merger of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission and Iberia Industrial Development Foundation.
- Reported on the resignation of Celine Alis, Asst. Director of Communications.
- Reported that Brittany Racca, Communications Coordinator has undertaken the duties of the Asst. Director of Communications.
- Farewell remarks and official retirement from the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission effective October 28, 2022.

A motion by Germaine Comeaux, seconded by Phebe Hayes to adjourn. Motion carried.