



Vernon Parish Tourism Commission

MINUTES

January 17, 2023

VERNON PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION VISITOR'S CENTER

Mission Statement (Written 2005)

Mission Statement: To promote all facets of Tourism to the parish and state level.

CALL TO ORDER: The Vernon Parish Tourism Commission Board meeting for January 17, 2023, was called to order at 8:31 AM by the Chairman, Diane Barney.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Present were Commissioners Diane Barney, Tara Rindahl, Pat Martinez, Betty Westerchill, Tracy Kerlin, and Bettye Davis. Visitors Melissa Sweeney with Kiwanis Club and Bonnie Thompson Rosepine Historical Association. Also present was John Crook, Executive Director, and Angela Broyard Executive Assistant.

PLEDGE: Diane Barney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Tara Rindahl gave the Invocation.

MINUTES: No meeting held in December 2023.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Financial statement was unavailable due to VPTC has not received from VPPJ at this time. Request has been submitted for the current financial statement.

DIRECTORS REPORT: John Crook introduced visitor Melissa Sweeney from the Kiwanis Club and Bonnie Thompson from Rosepine Historical Association. Melissa Sweeney is requesting assistance with trash receptacles and a light pole for the Nona Mills Pocket Park. Bonnie Thompson from Rosepine Historical Association is asking for assistance with adding restrooms to the

park, and cement slab for the Veterans Memorial in the park. Bonnie will send John Crook in letter form the cost and plans for the restrooms. Sewer is needed, water is available on the proposed site. Bonnie Thompson extended an invitation for anyone to join their meetings at Unity Church 6:00 pm the third Thursday of every month.

John Crook updated the status of the West Louisiana Museum project. Updates to the Museum include, new carpet, HVAC system, lighting, paint, window replacement and reglazing, doors repaired and updated electrical. Interior and exterior doors have been updated and repaired. Outside premises has been cleaned, new signing installed as well as the parking lot restriped. The Dyess building roof that was damaged in Hurricane Laura has been repaired. Targeted opening date of the Museum is April 2023. Update on the Junior League Proposal Status plan is to hire a professional service to prep for the requested garden.

Changes to the MayFest 2023 Food Truck and Food Vendors contract will allow all food businesses to sell sodas, juices, and water at this years MayFest. No alcoholic beverages will be sold.

Executive Assistant Angela Broyard's working hours will be changed from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm to 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Executive Assistant Angela Broyard has asked Board Members to complete required Financial Statements by next Board meeting held February 28, 2023 and mandatory training to be completed by March 21, 2023.

Motion to accept the Director's Report for January 2023 as presented was made by Tara Rindahl. Seconded by Tracy Kerlin. All Approved; So Moved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

John Crook asked for the VPTC February Board Meeting to be rescheduled from February 21, 2023, due to this being a State Holiday to February 28, 2023.

Motion to approve made by Tara Rindahl. Seconded by Tracy Kerlin
All approved, so moved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business:
Motion to adjourn made by Diane Barney

Seconded by Tracy Kerlin.
All approved, so moved.

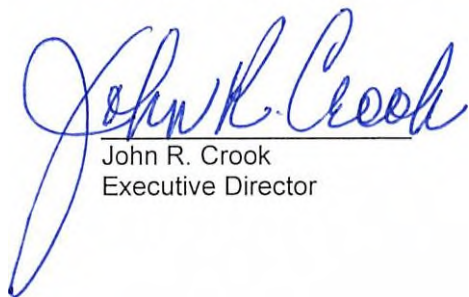
Vernon Parish Tourism Commission Action Items from November 15 2022:

ACTION #1: Motion to accept the Director's Report for January 2023 as presented was made by Tara Rindahl. Seconded by Tracy Kerlin. All Approved; So moved.

ACTION #2: Motion to change February scheduled Board Meeting to February 28, 2023, was made by Tara Rindahl. Seconded by Tracy Kerlin. All approved, so moved.

ACTION #3: Motion to adjourn made by Diane Barney. Seconded by Tracy Kerlin. All approved; so moved.

Respectfully Submitted.



John R. Crook
Executive Director



Angela Broyard
Angela
Executive Assistant