



## Vernon Parish Tourism Commission

### MINUTES

June 20, 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 June 20, 2023, was called to order at 8:30 AM by the Chairman, Diane Barney.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Present were Commissioners Diane Barney, Bettye Davis, Tracy Kerlin, Tara Rindahl, Pat Martinez, and John Guy. 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:** Diane Barney presented the Minutes of the May 16, 2023, board meeting.  
  
Motion to accept the Minutes of the May 16, 2023, board meeting as presented was made by Diane Barney.  
Seconded by John Guy.  
All Approved; So Moved.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** April 2023 Financial Statement as presented by the Vernon Parish Police Jury was reviewed.  
Motion to accept made by Tracy Kerlin  
Seconded by Pat Martinez

**DIRECTORS REPORT:** John stated that he has been working with Martha Palmers family clearing her home to acquire books, photographs, newspaper clippings, records and items for the West Louisiana Museum that were promised to the Museum by Mrs. Martha Palmer.

John stated that Vernon Parish Tourism Commission is waiting on a signed resolution from the Vernon Parish Police Jury to complete the process of acquiring funding for Enterprise Funds to be paid to the Vernon Parish Tourism Commission.

John told Board Members that they would not need to complete Cyber Awareness Training, since they are not public employees, and do not have access to the Vernon Parish Tourism computer system.

Motion to accept the Director's Report for June 2023 was made by Pat Martinez  
Seconded by John Guy  
All Approved; So Moved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was voted on by the Vernon Parish Tourism Commission to hold meetings every other month instead of monthly. The Board voted to accept this proposal.  
Motion to accept made by Pat Martinez  
Seconded by John Guy  
All Approved; So Moved

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business:

Motion to adjourn made by Tara Rindahl.  
Seconded by John Guy.  
All approved, so moved.

**Vernon Parish Tourism Commission Action Items from June 20, 2023:**

**ACTION #1:** Diane Barney made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 16, 2023, meeting. John Guy seconded the motion. All approved, so moved,

**ACTION #2:** Tracy Kerlin made a motion to accept the Financial Report as reported by the Vernon Parish Police Jury for April 2023. Pat Martinez seconded the motion. All approved, so moved.

**ACTION #3:** Pat Martinez made a motion to accept the June 2023 Directors Report. John Guy seconded the motion. All approved, so moved.

**ACTION #4:** Pat Martinez made a motion to accept New Business changing the VPTC Board meetings from monthly to every other month. John Guy seconded the motion. All approved, so moved.

**ACTION #5:** Tara Rindahl made a motion to adjourn June 2023 meeting. John Guy seconded the motion. All approved, so moved.

Respectfully Submitted:

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John R. Crook  
Executive Director

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Angela Broyard  
Executive Assistant