



## Vernon Parish Tourism Commission

### MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

VERNON PARISH TOURISM'S VISITORS 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 September 16, 2025, was called to order at 8:30 AM by the Chairman, Diane Barney.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Present were Commissioners Diane Barney, Tara Rindahl, Pat Martinez, Tracy Kerlin, and John Guy. Also present were 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 for July 2025.  
Motion to accept the Minutes for July 2025 was made by John Guy  
Seconded: by Tracy Kerlin  
All Approved; So Moved

**GUEST:** Guest Chuck Cannon Ft. Polk PAO Office spoke of the MAPA (My Army Post App.) – this app provides information for Ft. Polk.  
Chuck also stated that the 911 ceremony was a huge success.  
He also announced that there will be a POW/MIA ceremony in Anacoco, as well as a Veterans day breakfast November 11, 2025, also held in Anacoco.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Financial statement for June, July & August 2025 as Presented by the Vernon Parish Police Jury were presented.

Motion to accept the June 2025 Financial report was made by Tara Rindahl  
Seconded: by John Guy  
All Approved; So Moved.

Motion to accept the July 2025 Financial report was made by Tracy Kerlin  
Seconded: by Tara Rindahl  
All Approved; So Moved

Motion to accept the August 2025 Financial report was made by Tara Rindahl  
Seconded: by John Guy  
All Approved; So Moved

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** John stated that the installation of the W. La. Museum floors is on hold until further notice. A meeting with the Vernon Parish Police Jury will be requested to discuss the continuation of floor installation.  
John stated that the projected opening of the Museum is February 2026.

Motion to accept the Director's Report for April 2025 was made by Tara Rindahl  
Seconded: by Tracy Kerlin  
All Approved; So Moved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Director John Crook stated that Grant money for Museum & Parks provided benches and trash receptacles for Anacoco Veterans Park as well as trash receptacles for Kiwanis Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John Crook stated that the Pilot Club was sent a grant application for beautification.

A meeting with Senator Mike Reese will be requested to discuss the disbursement of grant money for Act 4 – of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session (State Aid to Local Government Entities)

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

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

**Vernon Parish Tourism Commission Action Items from September 16, 2025:**

**ACTION #1:** Motion to accept July 2025 Minutes was made by John Guy Seconded by Tracy Kerlin. The motion passed.

**ACTION #2:** Tara Rindahl made a motion to accept the June 2025 Financial Report as presented by the Vernon Parish Police Jury.  
John Guy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION #3:** Tracy Kerlin made a motion to accept the July 2025 Financial Report as presented by the Vernon Parish Police Jury.  
Tara Rindahl seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION #4:** Tara Rindahl made a motion to accept the August 2025 Financial Report as presented by the Vernon Parish Police Jury.  
John Guy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

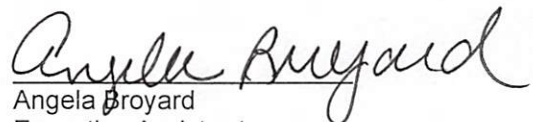
**ACTION #5:** Tara Rindahl made a motion to accept the September 2025 Directors Report.  
Tracy Kerlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**ACTION #6:** Tara Rindahl made a motion to adjourn the September 2025 meeting.  
Tracy Kerlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:



John R. Crook  
Executive Director



Angela Broyard  
Executive Assistant