

Iberia Parish Tourist Commission
Board Minutes
August 19, 2025

Tammy Gordon called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission to order at 10:30 A.M. at the Iberia Parish Tourist Commission Office located at 2513 Hwy. 14, New Iberia, LA, 70560.

Present:

Ronald Sovine
Tammy Gordon
Lisa Lourd
Heidi Martin

Absent:

Tibi Hebert
Jackie Reedom
Liz Bodin

Present, but not participating in formal action:

Mike Tarantino, staff

Public:

No public comment.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Lisa Lourd to approve the July 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

A motion by Ronald Sovine, seconded by Heidi Martin to approve the July 2025 finance report. Motion carried.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Ronald Sovine to go into executive session to discuss agenda item #6 concerning possibility of extending temporary remote work. Motion carried.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Ronald Sovine to close executive session. No items were voted on during session. Motion carried.

A motion by Ronald Sovine, seconded by Heidi Martin to authorize Mike Tarantino to approve extending temporary work for Doobie Judice for 6 weeks beyond what was previously approved. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

- The Lydia Cajun Food Festival will be Sept. 13.

- Louisiana Sugar Cane Festival is Sept. 26-28
- Lizzie's Bakery has opened on Main Street. Elizabeth was the baker at Caribbean Ice Company and has opened her own restaurant and bakery.
- Teche Lake Outfitters has opened on Loreauville Rd and is offering seasonal guided waterfowl and upland bird hunts in the heart of South Louisiana.
- Reviewed economic indicators.

Heidi Martin:

- The World Championship Gumbo Cookoff will be Oct. 11-12. Paul Schexnayder has been chosen as the poster artist.
- There will be a Coffee Talk on Sept. 11 at the Sliman Theater. Chamber and non-chamber members are all invited.
- The Berry Queen Ball is on Nov. 13.

Lisa Lourd:

- Shadows Battlefield Louisiana series has launched and the first program is on Sept. 4.
- Farm Fest is scheduled for Sept. 25.
- The Bayou Teche Museum is hosting their Music on Main fundraiser on Nov. 13.
- Reviewed real estate sale indicators.

Ronald Sovine:

- Raintree Grocery is aiming for a Nov. 19 opening.

Tammy Gordon:

- Delcambre Seafood & Farmers Market will be September 6.
- Burger Battles & Weiner Wars is a new cookoff in Delcambre and will be Sept. 20.
- Delcambre Shrimp Festival had a good turnout.

Motion to adjourn made by Ronald Sovine, seconded by Heidi Martin. Motion carried.