

Iberia Parish Tourist Commission
Board Minutes
May 18, 2026

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:

Lisa Lourd
Tammy Gordon
Tibi Hebert
Ronald Sovine
Liz Bodin

Absent:

Heidi Martin

Present, but not participating in formal action:

Mike Tarantino, staff

Public:

None.

A motion by Ronald Sovine, seconded by Liz Bodin to approve the March 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

A motion by Liz Bodin, seconded by Ronald Sovine to approve the March 2026 finance report. Motion carried.

A motion by Lisa Lourd, seconded by Liz Bodin to approve the April 2026 finance report. Motion carried.

A motion by Ronald Sovine, seconded by Liz Bodin to authorize Executive Director to enter into and sign contractual obligations with the LA Office of Tourism on behalf of the bureau. Motion carried.

A motion by Liz Bodin, seconded by Ronald Sovine to authorize the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary to sign LA Compliance Questionnaire for 2025 audit. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

- Iberia Parish CVB & IDF are participating in Freedom 250 taking place in Washington, DC this summer. Mike will be attending 2 days to represent both offices.

- The IAAHS is hosting a history festival later this year.
- Our office worked with LCVF for a writer who came to Iberia Parish in May. Brittany brought her and her travel companion to the attractions and Mike met with them for dinner.
- Reconstruction has begun on Hangar Drive.
- Delcambre was featured in Tasting Table's article *Louisiana's Best-Kept Secret: A Fishing Town Full Of Mouthwatering Seafood Events*.
- The Iris Festival was included in Garden & Gun's article on native wildflowers and festivals that celebrate them.
- Memorial Day Remembrance is May 25 in Bouligny Plaza.
- Reviewed economic indicators.

Lisa Lourd:

- Shadows' virtual lectures have been well attended and are available for rewatch on their YouTube channel. The Faith & Freedom program will be June 19.
- Maintenance work at Shadows is ongoing.
- Bayou Teche Museum are planning a new fundraiser event on Aug. 8 at the Cyr Gates Community Center. Plans in progress.

Tibi Hebert:

- Lemonade Day was a success and planning to repeat in 2027.

Ronald Sovine:

- There is a new food truck offering in Jeanerette.

Tammy Gordon:

- Market will return June 8.
- Delcambre Poker Run will be May 22.

Motion to adjourn made by Ronald Sovine, seconded by Liz Bodin. Motion carried.