Iberia Parish Tourist Commission
Board Minutes
September 15, 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
Heidi Martin
Angela Provost

Absent:
Liz Bodin

Present, but not participating in formal action:
Mike Tarantino, staff

Public:
Phebe Hayes, Iberia African American Historical Society (IAAHS) president gave an overview of the HistoryFEST and IAAHS organization.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Ronald Sovine to approve the August 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Tibi Hebert to approve the August 2026 finance report. Motion carried.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Ronald Sovine to approve the 2025 Audit and SAUP. Motion carried.

A motion by Heidi Martin, seconded by Tibi Hebert to approve Resolution 2026-09 authorizing Executive Director to sign all necessary paperwork to execute a CEA with the State of Louisiana for VEF appropriated to the Authority in Act 4 of the 2026 Legislative Session. Motion carried.

A motion by Lisa Lourd, seconded by Heidi Martin to support the HistoryFEST through marketing and promotions. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

- Southern Linen Co will be closing Sept. 19. They have ongoing sales over the next two weeks.
- Our Halloween page has been updated for 2026.
- There will be a free Poetry Reading at the Bayou Teche Museum on Sept. 20.
- The City of New Iberia is hosting the annual Junior Farmers Market in Bouligny Plaza on Oct. 24.
- Reviewed economic indicators.

Heidi Martin:

- World Championship Gumbo Cookoff will be Oct. 10-11.

Lisa Lourd:

- Shadows' Farm Fest is Sept. 24 and their Arts & Craft Fair is Oct. 10.
- Iberia Cultural Resources and the Bayou Teche Museum's new event "An Evening with Jason Theriort" will be Oct. 8.

Angela Provost:

- HistoryFEST is in the planning process and will be held Nov. 13-15.
- "A Sweet Celebration" will be Sept. 26 at Provost Farm.

Tibi Hebert:

- Loreauville's Pumpkin Patch is Oct. 1-3.
- Christmas in the Village is Dec. 5.

Ronald Sovine:

- Both the Sugar City Sugar Festival and Tour du Teche is Oct. 3.

Tammy Gordon:

- The Delcambre Farmers Market is Oct. 3 and this year's Burger Battle & Weiner Wars is Sept. 19.

Motion to adjourn made by Tibi Hebert, seconded by Ronald Sovine. Motion carried.