

**Minutes**  
**St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission**  
**dba Cajun Coast Tourism**  
**February 25, 2026**

St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission dba Cajun Coast Tourism held a business meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 4 pm at the Cajun Coast Office. The members were Kim Walden, Dwight Smith, Keith Leonard, Ed "Tiger" Verdin, Sandra Marshall, and Alfredia Edwards. The members absent were Patsy Powell and Herman Hartman. Kyla Ewing resigned. Also present were Carrie Stansbury and Christal Carter.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to accept the November minutes as written. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Verdin made a motion to accept the financial reports for November, December and January. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Ms. Stansbury gave an overview of the bureau's activities.

Ms. Marshall made a motion to authorize Cajun Coast to pay Champion Construction for the Railing repair in the amount of \$9,038.48 out of the general fund. Mr. Verdin seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$1,000.00 to the World Mission Tennis Tournament. Ms. Marshall seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to bid on the Twisted Cats Outdoor National Tournament for \$12,500 for November 2026 and a minimum of \$10,000 for Twisted Cats Outdoor Open Tournament for 2027 with a contingency of additional funds based on the numbers of 2026. Mr. Verdin seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Ms. Marshall made a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$1,500.00 for the Fourth of July Jammin on the Lake with contingency that all forms be filled out completely for next year or we won't sponsor. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve a sponsorship of \$1,500.00 for the Rockin the Dock. Mr. Verdin seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to bid on the International Slow Pitch Softball Tournament for \$16,150 with a contingency that all rooms and fields must be in St. Mary Parish, and they cannot host any other tournaments within a 90-mile radius of St. Mary Parish that could potentially affect the number of teams participating in the tournament. Mr. Verdin seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

The Tourist Commission's next board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2026, at 4:00 pm at the Cajun Coast Office.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Leonard made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

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Herman Hartman, Secretary