

Minutes
St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission
dba Cajun Coast Tourism
July 15, 2026

St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission dba Cajun Coast Tourism held a business meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at 4 pm at the Cajun Coast Office. The members were Kim Walden, Dwight Smith, Herman Hartman, Keith Leonard, Sandra Marshall, and Sandy McClelland. The members absent were Ed "Tiger" Verdin, Patsy Powell, and Alfredia Edwards. Also present was Christal Carter and Carrie Stansbury.

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the financial reports for May & June. Ms. McClelland seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

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

Mr. Stansbury spoke about the 1927 Flood Marker. She reported that the committee overseeing the flood marker informed Ms. Stansbury that sponsorship is no longer needed, as all funding for the flood marker has been secured.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to sponsor the BBQ Bash in the amount of \$3,000. Ms. McClelland seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Ms. McClelland made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Ms. Stansbury to sign the grant application for the CMP, requesting a \$10,000 matching grant through the Office of Tourism. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Walden opened the floor for nominations for the election of officers. Mr. Leonard made a motion to nominate Ms. Walden as Chairman and Ms. Marshall as Vice Chairman. Mr. Hartman indicated that he was uncertain if he could assume the responsibilities of Secretary at this time. Ms. McClelland then made a motion to nominate Mr. Leonard to serve as both Secretary and Treasurer.

The proposed slate of officers consisted of Ms. Walden as Chairman, Ms. Marshall as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Leonard as Secretary and Treasurer.

Ms. McClelland made a motion to approve the proposed slate of officers. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to sign the resolution making the Daily Review our official journal. Ms. McCelland seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to sign the memorial resolution for Ms. Didi Battle. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

The Tourist Commission's next board meeting is scheduled for August 12, 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. McCelland seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Keith Leonard, Secretary