



ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

Chairman Danny Schaus called the **Regular Board of Commissioners** meeting to order on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, 68099 Highway 59, Mandeville, Louisiana.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Connie Born  
Sharon Lo Drucker  
Bonnie Eades  
Mark Myers  
Daniel Schaus

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

T. J. Smith

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A MOTION** was made by Mark Myers, and seconded by Bonnie Eades, to approve the June 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **The Motion** carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Sharon Drucker presented the Treasurer’s Report for June and July, 2016. Connie Born made **A MOTION** to file the Treasurer’s Report for audit as presented. Mark Myers seconded, and **The Motion** passed.

**STAFF REPORT**

- Donna O’Daniels, CEO and President, Renee Kientz, Vice President of Communications, and Tanya Leader, Vice President of Sales,

**OLD BUSINESS**

► **CHANGE IN SCOPE OF SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AWARDED TO ST. TAMMANY PARISH**

The parish was awarded \$25,000 in Special Revenue Funds from the Tourist Commission in 2011 for exterior grade lighting for the pavilion at Koop Drive. They requested bids but all of the bids came in over budget. They were thinking it would be more impactful to use the funds toward the design of the Performing Arts Center, and asked for a change of scope. At the June 28 meeting, the Board decided to table the issue and request Commission Counsel to look into the matter and render an opinion at the August meeting.

Tom Huval gave his legal opinion that since the project is different than the project applied for in 2011 and, although due to state legislation enacted in 2012 the Special Revenue Fund no longer exists, at the time the monies were originally awarded, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement specified that if the funds were not used in accordance with the terms and conditions of the CEA, they shall be returned to the Commission’s Special Revenue Fund within 30 days.

Following discussion, Sharon Lo Drucker made **A MOTION** to have Donna O’Daniels send a letter requesting return of the monies if not used for the original intent, and that the restrictions and requirements in place at the time the funds were awarded shall again be followed, and the Tourist Commission will go through the process that was formerly used for awarding these funds. The Parish can apply for an award of the money to be used for the proposed performing arts center, and other qualifying entities may also apply. Connie Born seconded, and **The Motion** passed unanimously.

► **NORTHSHORE HARBOR CENTER UPDATE ON ELECTION EFFORTS**

Kathy Lowrey spoke about efforts to pass an election to renew the Northshore Harbor Center’s operations tax. It was on the ballot last May and did not pass. The NHC board will most likely call for election at the upcoming September 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting to get on the December ballot. At the July meeting, their board voted to reduce the debt service millage from 2 mills to .75. It also voted to reduce the operational millage from 3 to 2.95, which is below the assessor’s

recommendation of 2.99.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **▶ AUXILIARY AGENDA**

- None

### **▶ COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- Mark Meyers reminded everyone about the Hospice Foundation fundraiser beer festival on Saturday, September 10, with home-brewed beers and spirits to sample. The Wine and Dine event benefits Hospice House.
- Sharon Lo Drucker said the Junior League of Greater Covington Designer Showhouse is coming up September 8 through 11 and September 15 through 18. November 6<sup>th</sup> is the date for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Harvest Cup Polo.
- Connie Born said she attended an event at the Castine Center last Sunday for the fallen and critically wounded police officers and all of the funds went to the officers' families. They had a very successful auction and great music.
- Bonnie Eades said she sat in on presentations by the Causeway Commission on why a toll increase is needed for bridge safety improvements. Although the increase has already been approved by the Causeway Commission, the Jefferson Parish Council and the St. Tammany Parish Council will have the request on their agendas.
- Danny Schaus said that the Wooden Boat Festival is October 8 and 9 and the Patron Party will be Friday, October 7 from 7:30 until 10:30 pm. He urged everyone to come out for it.

### **▶ GUEST COMMENTS**

- Kathy Lowry said the Harbor Center is hosting a flood relief benefit, Louisiana United, in conjunction with Second Harvest Food Bank and the St. Tammany Humane Society, on Sunday, September 18 from 11 am until 8 pm. There will be music throughout the day as a number of bands have donated their time for the event.
- Kathy Foley said the fall season is proving to be busy. Fall events start up Saturday. They will be accepting winter basketball registrations from September 26 through October 12.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, at 2:00 PM, at the Tourist Commission Office in Mandeville.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Sharon Lo Drucker made **A MOTION** to adjourn and Mark Myers seconded. **The Motion** carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

*S /Rae Shipley*

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Rae Shipley  
Recording Secretary

*S / Daniel Schaus*

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Daniel Schaus  
Chairman