



ST. TAMMANY PARISH TOURIST & CONVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

Vice-Chair Thomas J. Smith, Jr. called the **Regular Board of Commissioners** meeting to order on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 2:30 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
T. J. Smith
Valerie Waeltz

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Daniel Schaus

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

A quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Connie Born, and seconded by Sharon Lo Drucker, to approve the March 1, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes. **The Motion** carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Sharon Drucker presented the Treasurer’s Report for February, 2016 and March, 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, Zondra Jones, Senior Sales Manager, and Christina Cooper, Manager of Marketing and P.R., gave the departmental activities report.

OLD BUSINESS

► **UPDATE ON VISITOR ENTERPRISE FUND (VEF) AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Donna said that as a result of the special legislative session that took place in January and February, we had a decrease to our current year appropriation of about \$40,000, which was our portion of a decrease in the total fund. When planning the new fiscal year budget we tried to look into the future at possible further cuts and planned conservatively for that reason.

► **LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE – REMINDER**

The commissioners were reminded that the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Reports for calendar year 2015 are due May 15.

► **LOUISIANA GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS TRAINING COURSE – REMINDER**

The commissioners were reminded that they need to take the one-hour online ethics training course each year. We need a copy of the completion certificate for each board member’s file.

NEW BUSINESS

► **ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FY JUNE 1, 2016 – MAY 31, 2017 (RESOLUTION)**

T. J. Smith read a Resolution to adopt the budget for fiscal year June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. Mark Myers made **A MOTION** to adopt the budget for year ending May 31, 2017. Sharon Lo Drucker seconded and **The Motion** carried.

▶ RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE ST. TAMMANY FARMER AS OFFICIAL JOURNAL

A Resolution to adopt the St. Tammany Farmer as our official journal was presented. Sharon Lo Drucker made A MOTION to adopt the St. Tammany Farmer as the Official Journal of the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission. Connie Born seconded, and The Motion carried.

AUXILIARY AGENDA

- None

▶ COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Sharon Lo Drucker said the Junior League of Greater Covington Designer Showhouse will be open for tours September 8 through 11 and again on September 15 through 18.

▶ AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Kathy Foley said they have the Spring 2016 Boys Baseball coming up in June with a number of teams coming in from out of town.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Myers made A MOTION to adjourn and Bonnie Eades seconded. The Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 2:00 PM, at the Tourist Commission Office in Mandeville.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

S / Rae Shipley

Rae Shipley
Recording Secretary

S / Thomas J. Smith, Jr.

Thomas J. Smith, Jr.
Vice-Chairman