

**Sabine Parish Tourist Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**  
**12:00 pm**

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<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>Not Present:</b>	<b>Public Present:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Martha Henderson Edith Palmer Geri Alford Bobbie Jackson Kyle Martinez Daniel Bennett Bonnie Fox-Miles		Shanna Gaspard	Linda Curtis-Sparks Wanda Rivers Anne Boyens Whitney Hart

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Geri Alford, President, called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission to order.

The prayer and pledge were led by Linda Curtis-Sparks.

**Action #1:** Daniel Bennett made a motion to approve the May 2019 agenda of the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission Board meeting. Bonnie Fox-Miles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Action #2:** Bobbie Jackson made a motion to approve the April 2019 minutes. Martha Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Action #3:** Bobbie Jackson made a motion to approve the April 2019 financials of the SPTC. Martha Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Linda Curtis-Sparks updated the board on legislation for single accommodations, HB339. It passed through committee and went to House Floor. This bill would make it state law for the collection of local occupancy tax on single accommodations. An amendment was proposed that removed the original definition and clarity of the bill by redefining the use of "hotel."

Mrs. Sparks informed the board of the concerns with safety and the hazardous road conditions of Cypress Bend Drive that impacted the tournaments and events held at Cypress Bend Park. The tournaments and events at the park generate a significant financial gain for Toledo Bend Lake and Sabine Parish area businesses. Cypress Bend Park has over 31 tournaments scheduled for 2019. Geri Alford suggested the board explore Block Grants and other federal programs for funding assistance to fix the road allowing Toledo Bend Lake to secure larger tournaments. Kyle Martinez proposed the board write a letter addressing their concerns with Cypress Bend Drive requesting assistance from the Sabine Parish Police Jury.

Mrs. Sparks updated the board on the bid for Bassmaster College, High School, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Nations Tournaments for 2020. A date has been secured for facilities at Cypress Bend Park for Bassmaster College,

High School and 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade on January 21-27, 2020. Bassmaster Nations is scheduled May 26-31, 2020. We are requesting assistance from the State and DeSoto Parish Tourist Bureau with the costs for this event.

Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks reviewed with the board the Audit Compliance Questionnaire that ensured we have complied with all requested laws.

**Action #4:** Edith Palmer made a motion to approve the Audit Compliance Questionnaire. Martha Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Action #5:** Daniel Bennet made a motion to accept the April 2019 Director's Report which also included the following:

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| 1. Bassmaster RFP/2020                          | 14. Update on Many Museum        |
| 2. Facebook Contest                             | 15. Update on TBLA/Zwolle Museum |
| 3. LOT Social Media Workshop                    | 16. Tree Maintenance on property |
| 4. Grant Reports Finalized                      | 17. Sale on the Trail Update     |
| 5. Staff Change                                 | 18. No Man's Land Updates        |
| 6. Meetings and Events Attended                 |                                  |
| 7. What Went Under Reunion May 18 <sup>th</sup> |                                  |
| 8. Bass Unlimited                               |                                  |
| 9. Sealy Outdoors Tournament                    |                                  |
| 10. Lunker Art Fish                             |                                  |
| 11. Upcoming Events                             |                                  |
| 12. Upcoming Tournaments                        |                                  |
| 13. Ads Placed this Period                      |                                  |

Martha Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Action #6:** Bobbie Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Bonnie Fox-Miles seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

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President, Geri Alford

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