



**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
DESOTO PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION**
115 N. Washington Ave.
Mansfield, LA
February 13, 2024
2:00

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President, Margaret Dickerson.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present were: Margaret Dickerson, Donna Cagle, Pam Rodgers, John Russell, Shirley Payne, and Ron Jackson. Not present: Mary Mac Thompson.
- III. **Prayer & Pledge:** Margaret Dickerson led the prayer and Pam Rodgers led the pledge.
- IV. **Approval of February 2024 Agenda:** Motion by John Russell to approve the amended February 2024 Agenda. 2nd Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- V. **Public Comment Period:** No guests attending.
- VI. **Approval of January 2024 Minutes:** Motion by Donna Cagle to approve January 2024 Minutes. 2nd by Pam Rodgers. Motion Passed.
- VII. **Approval of January 2024 Financials:** Cited budget-to-actual comparisons. Motion by John Russell to approve January 2024 Financial Report. 2nd by Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
No old business.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a. Approve Shirley Payne and Mary Mac Thompson for another 3-year term. Motion by John Russell to approve Shirley Payne and Mary Mac Thompson for another 3-year term. 2nd by Ron Jackson. Motion Passed.
 - b. Update Tourism Board Member information. Charlotte passed around the Board information sheet asking everyone to please update any contact that needed updating.
 - c. 1st annual Black History Parade request for funding. Motion by John Russell to approve funding request for the 1st annual Black History Parade. 2nd by Ron Jackson. Motion Passed.
 - d. River City Fest request for funding. No motion was made.
 - e. Haynie & Associates renewal. Board decided not to renew contract.
 - f. Signage request- M. Anderson. No motion made.
 - g. Back Alley Theatre request for funding. Motion by Pam Rodgers to approve funding request for the Back Alley Theatre. 2nd by John Russell. Motion Passed.
- X. **Director's Report- January/February**
 - a. Occupancy Report
 - b. Upcoming events and meetings.Motion by Pam Rodgers to approve Director's Report. 2nd by Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- XI. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 2:00pm
- XII. Motion by Shirley Payne to adjourn. 2nd by Ron Jackson. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.