



**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
DESOTO PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION**

115 N. Washington Ave.

Mansfield, LA

January 13, 2026

2:00

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President, Margaret Dickerson
- II. **Roll Call:** Present were Margaret Dickerson, Pam Rodgers, Shirley Payne, Donna Cagle, James Walker, John Russell, and Ron Jackson.
- III. **Prayer & Pledge:** Margaret Dickerson led the pledge and prayer.
- IV. **Approval of January 2026 Agenda:** Motion by Pam Rodgers to approve January 2026 agenda. 2nd Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- V. **Public Comment Period:** Guests were Michael Norton with DeSoto Parish Police Jury, Katelyn Calhoun with Battle of Pleasant Hill and Tori Dyess and Teresa Stephens with Logansport Sandbass Tournament.
- VI. **Approval of November/December 2025 Minutes:** Motion by John Russell to approve November 2025 minutes. 2nd by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed.
- VII. **Approval of November/December 2025 Financials:** Cited budget-to-actual comparisons. Motion by James Walker to approve November/December 2025 Financial Report. 2nd by Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
No old business
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a. Keatchie Heritage Foundation- request for funding. Motion by Donna Cagle to approve funding request for Keatchie Heritage Foundation. 2nd by Ron Jackson. Motion Passed.
 - b. Battle of Pleasant Hill- funding request. Motion by John Russell to approve funding request for Battle of Pleasant Hill. 2nd by James Walker. Motion Passed.
 - c. Tax Administrations Convention in Baton Rouge. Motion by Shirley Payne to approve Charlotte Knotek to attend the Tax Administration Convention. 2nd by John Russell. Motion Passed.
 - d. Sabine River Bass Shootout- request for funding. Motion by Shirley Payne to approve funding for Sabine River Bass Shootout. 2nd by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed.
 - e. DeSoto Parish Library Makerspace-discuss. Discussion tabled.
 - f. Town of Logansport & KTBS Towercam- discuss. Charlotte stated that James Walker will be meeting with Mark Woods to see if Logansport Town Hall will contribute to the Towercam.
 - g. Logansport Sandbass Tournament- request for funding. Motion by Shirley Payne to approve funding for Logansport Sandbass Tournament. 2nd by John Russell. James Walker abstained from voting. Motion Passed.
 - h. Krewe of Aquarius- request for funding. Motion by Shirley Payne to approve funding for Krewe of Aquarius. 2nd by Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
 - i. Electronic Sign at Dave Means 4-H Barn. Board discussed sign at Dave Means 4-H Barn. Pending approval once bid is presented to board so a deposit can be made.

- j. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon- discuss. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be after February's meeting on February 10th at 3:00pm.
- k. MSHS Chili Cook Off request for funding. Motion by John Russell to approve funding for MSHS Chili Cook Off. 2nd by Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- l. America 250 Events- discuss. Charlotte discussed some events she would like to hold for the America 250 Events.

X. Director's Report- Nov/Dec/Jan (vote)

- a. Occupancy Report
- b. Upcoming events and meetings.

Motion by John Russell to approve Director's Report. 2nd by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed

XI. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 2:00pm

XII. Motion by Pam Rodgers to adjourn. 2nd by James Walker. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.