



MINUTES – BOARD MEETING
DESOTO PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
115 N. Washington Ave.
Mansfield, LA
May 26, 2026
2:00

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President, Margaret Dickerson
- II. **Roll Call:** Present were Margaret Dickerson, Pam Rodgers, Donna Cagle, John Russell, and James Walker. Not Present: Ron Jackson and Shirley Payne.
- III. **Prayer & Pledge:** Margaret Dickerson led the pledge and prayer.
- IV. **Approval of May 2026 Agenda:** Motion by Donna Cagle to approve May 2026 agenda. 2nd James Walker. Motion Passed.
- V. **Public Comment Period:** No guest.
- VI. **Approval of April 2026 Minutes:** Motion by Pam Rodgers to approve April minutes. 2nd by James Walker. Motion Passed.
- VII. **Approval of April 2026 Financials:** Cited budget-to-actual comparisons. Motion by James Walker to approve April 2026 Financial Report. 2nd by Pam Rodgers. Motion Passed.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
No Old Business.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - a. Logansport Christmas Festival- Request for funding. Board discussed but no vote was made.
 - b. Chamber building. Board discussed the remodel for Chamber building and bids were given. Board decided to wait to see which bid Chamber decided to go with before making any decisions.
 - c. Back Alley Theater- request for funding. No vote was made.
 - d. Resolution from Board for Tori Dyess to sign contracts. Motion by John Russell to approve Tori Dyess on behalf for the DPTC for contractual obligations.
 - e. Social media changes. Tori spoke with the board on several changes she would like to make on the DPTC social media. She stated she would like to bring more of a presence on Snapchat & Tik Tok. Motion by John Russell to approve Tori becoming verified on Facebook. 2nd by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed. Motion by John Russell to approve a rolling white board to use as a vision board. 2nd by James Walker. Motion Passed. Motion by John Russell to approve the purchase of a blogging camera and accessories. 2nd by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed.
 - f. Update on electronic sign. Charlotte updated everyone on the electronic sign and she along with Tori and Heather will take the training on how to add information to the sign.
 - g. Update on Log Courthouse renovation. Motion by John Russell to approve the electrical bid by Smoak Electric, LLC and have B & B add a mini split. 2nd by James Walker. She stated that the floor will need patching for the June 23rd event and after the America250 event DPTC will revisit floor repair or replacement.

- h. Update on America 250 Events. Charlotte spoke with the board updating them on the next events that will be coming up.
- i. America 250 Pavilion in Washington-NML Coloring Book. July 6th will be Destination Louisiana in Washington DC for The America250 events there. Charlotte stated that she sent NML coloring books and crayons to be sent to Washington.

X. Director's Report- April/May (vote)

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

Motion by James Walker to approve Director's Report. 2nd by Pam Rodgers. Motion Passed

XI. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 2:00pm

XII. Motion by Donna Cagle to adjourn. 2nd by Pam Rodgers. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.