



**MINUTES – BOARD MEETING**  
**DESOTO PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION**  
115 N. Washington Ave.  
Mansfield, LA  
**January 17, 2023**  
**2:00**

- I. **Roll Call:** Roll call was made by Heather Gannon, Admin. Assistant. Present were: Donna Cagle, Margaret Dickerson, Pam Rodgers, John Russell, Shirley Payne, and Mary Mac Thompson. Not Present: Marvin Jackson.
- II. **Prayer & Pledge:** Margaret Dickerson led the prayer and John Russell led the pledge.
- III. **Approval of January 2023 Agenda:** Motion was made by John Russell to approve the January 2023 Agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shirley Payne. Motion Passed.
- IV. **Public Comment Period:** Guest attending; Charlotte Miller, Suzanne Brossette and Kathleen Davis with Cook-Hill House, and Katelyn Calhoun with the Battle of Pleasant Hill. Charlotte Miller spoke to the board about the Pergola Project. The Pergola Project will be designed and built to help give the Cook-Hill House more accommodating for weddings, retreats, bride/baby showers and many other events. Also speaking was Katelyn Calhoun with Battle of Pleasant Hill. This will be the 43<sup>rd</sup> year and to be held March 31<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup>. She presented the board with a proposed bid for the earplugs that the board sponsored the previous year.
- V. **Approval of November 2022 & December 2022 Minutes:** Motion was made by Donna Cagle to approve November 2022 & December 2022 Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Rodgers. Motion Passed.
- VI. **Approval of November 2022 & December 2022 Financials:** Sited budget-to-actual comparisons. Motion was made by Shirley Payne to approve November 2022 & December 2022 Financial Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Russell. Motion Passed.
- VII. **Old Business:**  
No old business.
- VIII. **New Business:**
  - a. Tourism Marketing Grant request for Cook Hill. Motion was made by John Russell to table approval until February Board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed.
  - b. Marketing request for Battle of Pleasant Hill. Motion was made by John Russell to approve marketing request from Battle of Pleasant Hill. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Rodgers. Motion Passed.
  - c. Marketing request for Krewe of Aquarius. Motion was made by Shirley Payne to approve marketing request for Krewe of Aquarius. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Mac Thompson. Motion Passed.

- d. Marketing request for Krewe of Demeter. Motion was made by John Russell to approve Krewe of Demeter marketing request. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed.

IX. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 2:00pm

- X. Motion was made by Shirley Payne to go into executive session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Mac Thompson. Motion Passed. Motion was made by Pam Rodgers to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Cagle. Motion Passed.