

*Governor's Gulf Coast Advisory Committee's
Tourism Subcommittee Meeting
August 25, 2021, Official Minutes*

The Tourism Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") meeting was held virtually/telephonically on August 25, 2021, beginning at 9 a.m. The public had the opportunity to attend the meeting telephonically. Access to meeting materials were provided via a link in the Subcommittee meeting's notice available at https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Meeting-Notice-8_24_2021_2.pdf.

I. Meeting Attendees

Subcommittee members in attendance: John Hairston (co-chair), Bill Cork (co-chair), Larry Gregory, Tish Williams, Tina Ross-Seamans, Matt McDonnell, Cynthia Sutton, Linda Hornsby, Woody Bailey, Kurt Allen, and Representative Case Eure

Subcommittee members not in attendance: Representative Brent Anderson, Representative John Read, Milton Segrerra, Susan Perkins, Paige Roberts and Adele Lyons

Others present were: Chris Wells, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), Valerie Alley, staff to MDEQ, and support contractors.

II. Subcommittee Meeting Discussion

- Executive Director Wells, MDEQ, welcomed the Subcommittee members and attendees to the meeting and briefly detailed the Subcommittee's role and purpose of the meeting.
- Co-Chair John Hairston called roll and discussed follow up meeting scheduled for September 1, 2021.
- Bill Cork discussed agenda and need for vetting criteria. The Subcommittee members openly discussed.
- Recommendation made for the following criteria for project vetting and selection procedures: Pass/Fail, valid by statute and tourism projects, benefit, geographic location, matched funding, readiness, backed by State, Federal, or Local government. Co-Chair Hairston made a motion, seconded, and not opposed by members.
- Bill Cork opened floor for members to discuss projects they support for consideration. The Subcommittee members discussed.
- John Hairston discussed next steps. Projects for vetting by sub-committee due by close of business Friday, August 27th. Final discussions for project selection will be on September 1, 2021.

III. Adjournment

Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.