Governor's Gulf Coast Advisory Committee's Tourism Subcommittee Meeting September 8, 2021, Official Minutes

The Tourism Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") meeting was held virtually/telephonically on September 8, 2021, beginning at 4:16 p.m. Notice was provided on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration's websites. The public had the opportunity to attend the meeting telephonically.

I. Meeting Attendees

Subcommittee members in attendance: John Hairston (co-chair), Bill Cork (co-chair), Tish Williams, Cynthia Sutton, Linda Hornsby, Kurt Allen, Milton Segrerra, Paige Roberts, Susan Perkins, Woody Bailey and Matt McDonnell.

Subcommittee members not in attendance: Adele Lyons, Larry Gregory, Larry Ahlgren, Tina Ross-Seamans, Representative Case Eure, Representative Brent Anderson, Representative John Read, and Adele Lyons.

Others present were: Valerie Alley and Tabatha Baum, staff to MDEQ, and support contractors.

II. Subcommittee Meeting Discussion

- Valerie Alley welcomed the Subcommittee members and attendees to the meeting.
- Co-Chair John Hairston called roll. The Subcommittee approved the minutes from its last meeting that occurred on August 24, 2021.
- Subcommittee members discussed projects they support for consideration in recommending to the Governor.
- Each Subcommittee member provided their top 1-3 picks for a Subcommittee count for support. Top Projects with 3-5 votes were recommended to be presented to the to the Governor for consideration. The projects are Sports Marketing Incentive Fund (4269), Airport Projects Combined (4262, 4268 New Daily Air Service, Low Cost Airline), Hancock county Fairgrounds (5871) Mississippi Aquariums Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center (6005), and Broadwater Marina (6000)
- Mr. Cork will submit the Subcommittees recommended projects to Chris Wells by close of business tomorrow.

III. Adjournment

Subcommittee meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.