

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**January 14, 2020**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux extended condolences and sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Franklin, who passed away. She was the mother of employee Morris Franklin, Jr.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Council Clerk Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard, Edwin Soulier, Sidney LaCoste, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile and Dustin Boudreaux. Arrived after roll call: Paul Bergeron.

ABSENT: None.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

A. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Boudreaux announced that nominations were in order for the election of a Chairman.

Mr. Bazile nominated Mr. Boudreaux for Chairman and seconded by Mr. Watkins.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That nominations for Chairman be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Boudreaux was declared nominated Chairman.

Chairman Boudreaux thanked his fellow councilmen for electing him Chairman of the Council.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 MEETING

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 10, 2019 regular meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Boudreaux and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Proclamation declaring the month of January as Patrick Queen Month.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 1, 2020 AS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

**PROCLAMATION  
Catholic Schools Week 2020**

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 26 through Saturday, February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge evangelize hearts, educate minds, encourage talent and embrace the future; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, successfully involve parents and communities in support of schools, and encourage local creativity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality education for thousands of students each year, Catholic schools have helped relieve the financial burden placed on the public school system of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of the fine leaders of the Catholic Church, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, many of the city and parish citizens have experienced and enjoyed the quality of education provided by Catholic schools; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage the understanding that character is not measured by wealth or prominence but by integrity, compassion and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to reaching out to all children regardless of heritage, religion, race or economic status and, indeed, have made this commitment part of their mission; and

WHEREAS, both the Catholic community and all citizens of the city, parish, and nation can share in the success that the Catholic System of Schools has achieved in the many years of its existence, while remaining confident in its lasting endurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim January 26 – February 1, 2020 as **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Catholic schools in our community.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY AS PATRICK QUEEEN MONTH

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

**PROCLAMATION  
JANUARY AS PATRICK QUEEN MONTH**

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish President Major Thibaut, and the Pointe Coupee Parish Council wish to commend and congratulate the Louisiana State University football team,

Coach Ed Orgeron, and Pointe Coupee native, and Livonia High School graduate, Patrick Queen, upon winning the 2020 College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 13, 2020, the hearts and minds of Pointe Coupee residents were in New Orleans, Louisiana, where the conclusion of a fantastic season was being played out and college football fans all over the country witnessed the LSU Fighting Tigers capture the 2020 CFP National Championship, bringing great pride to the state of Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, Patrick Queen, who wears the number 8 for the purple and gold Tigers, is a native of Ventress, Louisiana and graduated from Livonia High School in Pointe Coupee Parish. During his time at Livonia, Patrick played for the Wildcats as both a linebacker and running back. As a senior, he amassed 1,487 yards rushing, 19 touchdowns, and 66 tackles; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Livonia High School, Patrick Queen continued his football career at Louisiana State University. During his 2019 Junior year, Patrick Queen finished the regular season with 69 tackles, two and one half sacks, three pass deflections, an interception, and fumble recovery; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Native Patrick Queen, then continued on to the CFP National Championship and finished this phenomenal night of defensive play with eight tackles, two and one half tackles which resulted in a loss, and was subsequently named the 2020 CFP National Championship Defensive Player of the Game; and

WHEREAS, this incredible victory and storybook season of 15-0, is now an indelible part of an extraordinary era in the history of LSU football and has created a memory that will forever be cherished by LSU fans for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize and express the honor, and immense pride felt for Patrick Queen and the LSU Tigers Football team.

NOW, THEREFORE, Parish President Major Thibaut and the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do recognize the magnificent performance of the LSU Fighting Tigers and Pointe Coupee Parish native Patrick Queen during the 2019 season, culminating in being named the undisputed national champions, and hereby commends and congratulates Patrick Queen on being named the CFP National Championship Defensive Player of the Game and hereby proclaim the month of **January 2020**, as **PATRICK QUEEN MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

#### PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the finances including the proposed projects to perform the necessary improvements to buildings owned by the parish; retirement of the two court reporters and employment of one new court reporter; upcoming advertisement for the positions of an animal control officer, a full-time and part-time heavy equipment operator; receiving bids to replace the roof and HVAC system at the Detention Center; paid in full the bonds for the Multi-Use Center; Workers' Compensation Insurance with LUBA that resulted in a \$13,000 annual savings to the parish; mosquito abatement, gas and solid waste budgets are on target; and fencing project at PC Rec that is being funded by a grant, friends of the park and the parish.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE I AND ARTICLE II OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH PLANNING AND

ZONING COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 17, Article I and Article II of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances to create the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, and to provide for related matters was conducted at 5:52 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 17, Article I and Article II of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances to create the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, and to provide for related matters be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 9, TO ACCOUNT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CHARTER, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to make changes to the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapters 1 through 9, to account for the implementation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Charter, and further providing with respect thereto was conducted at 5:53 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to make changes to the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, Chapters 1 through 9, to account for the implementation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Charter, and further providing with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 9-A INTO LOT 9-A-1 AND LOT 9-A-2 LOCATED IN GRAND BAY ACRES SUBDIVISION AT JARREAU IN SECTION 94, T5S & R11E FOR GARY HOLLIER

Mr. Ashley Pourciau, a resident of Grand Bay Subdivision, voiced concerns and objections about the

subdividing of Lot 9-A into two lots.

Chairman Boudreaux commented on review of the rules and regulations for Grand Bay Subdivision in regards to subdividing lots in the subdivision. After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington, a plat showing the subdivision of Lot 9-A into Lot 9-A-1 and Lot 9-A-2 located in Grand Bay Acres Subdivision at Jarreau in Section 94, T5S & R11 for Gary Hollier be approved.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Gaspard.

NAYS: Messrs. Bergeron and Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 6-2-0, the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Shirley Best, Messrs. Robert Allen and Duncan Massicot be reappointed and Messrs. Allen Monk and Tamarcus Polk be appointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Gaspard.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-1-0, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Lyndon Leonards and Mark Ramagos be reappointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 2.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That the late submission of a letter from Frank Bonds to be reappointed to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 be accepted.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Watkins, Jarreau and Bazile.

NAYS: Messrs. Soulier, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 5-3-0, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melba Aguillard, Messrs. Jeffrey Hanks and Steve Stelly be reappointed and Messrs. Huey Cash and Timothy Pourciau be appointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Donald Chenevert and Fred Gueho be reappointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 4.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Ty Chaney (Seat A) and Harold Terrance (Seat B) be appointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Bergeron.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-1-0, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Frank Foti, Maurice Picard, William Vercher be reappointed and Mr. Dustin Boudreaux be appointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Health Services District No. 1 for a six-year term.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That the late submission of a letter from Kate Roy to be appointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control be accepted.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Jarreau, Watkins, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile and Soulier.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 5-3-0, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That Mmes Philomena Fontenot (Position C), Grace Hebert (Position F) be reappointed and Mrs. Kate Guillory (Position A) be appointed members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Soulier.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-1-0, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That Mmes Georgia Battley, Yvonne Chenevert and Grace Hebert be reappointed and Mrs. Margo Olinde be appointed members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Museum Committee.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Ashley Bonds (one-year term), Ray Jarreau (two-year term) and Hilliard Caldwell (three-year term) be reappointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Mark Major (one-year term) and Kelly Rivet (three-year term) be reappointed members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AND PARISH PRESIDENT:

APPEAL TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THE ABANDONED BUILDING LOCATED AT 5265 AIRLINE HWY (HWY. 190) AT LOTTIE (PARCEL #00845470) SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED AND DEMOLISHED

Mr. Paul Gary appeared before the council to appeal his order of condemnation and request additional time to repair or demolish the abandoned building located at 5265 Airline Hwy. (Hwy. 190) at Lottie.

Parish President Thibaut gave an overview of this matter and informed the council that he issued an order of condemnation for the abandoned building, because of complaints and inspection of the structure revealing it has been derelict for years, and is a hazard to the community and should be condemned.

After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council hereby ratify the order of condemnation and Mr. Paul Gary be granted a 90-day extension to repair or demolish the abandoned building located at 5265 Airline Hwy. (Hwy 190) at Lottie.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the Executive Committee meeting will be held on January 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. He announced the closure of the parish office January 20, 2020 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman