

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 23, 2020**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

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

ABSENT: None.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2020 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 26, 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL CARE ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERMITTING

Chairman Boudreaux reported on animal care establishments and permitting in the parish, and gave examples of two ordinances from East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes regarding this matter. There was discussion by council whether to craft an ordinance to implement this process.

DISCUSSION OF GAS RATES

Parish President Thibaut reported on the gas rates stabilization factors in the parish as it related to an increase in gas bills last month. He gave an overview of the gas rates consumptions and stabilization. He presented the council with a letter and other documents from President C. J. Arnold of Kel-Ar Consulting, who performed the current gas rate study for the parish, explaining

the rate structure and increase for the parish, along with comparison graphs of the increases with other parishes. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AT OLD RIVER LANDING

President Thibaut discussed the solid waste collection at Old River Landing, and concerns received from camp owners about paying for this service and no solid waste being collected when the water is high and flooding occurs. He gave an overview of the solid waste program in this area. He recommended amending the current solid waste ordinance to include a proposed rate increase that will cover the contract and disposal costs, and suspend billing camp owners once the Mississippi River reaches a level of 32' or higher, and resume billing once the water drops below this level.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

58 residential permits issued in May; pre-bid conference held with contractor for improvements to the courthouse, False River Restoration Project, and remodeling of the animal shelter building; replacement of gutters and activities held at the Multi-Use Center; low complaints received about solid waste and bulky waste collections, 225 total cases and 27 deaths in the parish related to COVID-19; eligible funding from state for projects in the parish; PC Rec games begun this week; meeting with auditors next week to review final 2019 annual audit; startup of the Litter Abatement Program; animals housed and adopted at the animal shelter; gas and pipeline safety audit, Pecan Acres Resettlement Program; and presented councilmembers with a current report of work orders. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

Chairman Boudreaux reported on the great compliments he received regarding the improvements made to False River Recreation Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - TO RECEIVE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS IN REGARD TO LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARISH AND THE LAW PERTAINING TO PUBLIC WORDS (LRS 42:17(A) (10))

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

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee convened in executive session at 6:38 p.m. to receive attorney-client privileged communications in regard to legal obligations of the parish and the law pertaining to public roads (LRS 42:17(A) (10)).

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.

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

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee exited executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

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

- Consideration of the Executive Committee to take action regarding Lee Lane.

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.

CONSIDERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING LEE LANE

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

RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of Pointe Coupee Parish Council advises taking no action regarding Lee Lane, and Attorney Dannie Garrett be authorized to communicate with Attorney William Shockey, representing landowner L. J. Grezaffi.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman