

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
July 13, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 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. Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Jimmie Gaspard.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 8 & 22, 2021 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 8, 2021 regular meeting and June 22, 2021 special 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. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

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

- Resolution to approve appointment of Director of Parks & Recreation.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

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

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the finances, including 23% increase in sales tax collections and 26% increase in gas collections; grant awarded to install a new HVAC system at the detention center and received funds from the COVID American Rescue Act Plan. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISIONS APPLICATIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions applications, and further providing with respect thereto was conducted at 5:41 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2021 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to subdivisions applications, 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. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DECLARE PROPERTY SURPLUS  
(LOT X & LOT Y IN SIMMONDS NO. 2 SUBDIVISION AT FORDOCHE) AND AUTHORIZED  
THE DISPOSITION THEREOF, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF  
THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances to declare property surplus (Lot X & Lot Y in Simmonds No. 2 Subdivision at Fordoche) and authorized the disposition thereof, and to further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:42 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

In response to Councilman Jarreau, President Thibaut instructed Recreation Manager Paul Armand to present a need assessment for the Recreation Parks in Livonia and Fordoche to allocate some of the funds from the sale of said properties.

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 the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances to declare property surplus (Lot X & Lot Y in Simmonds No. 2 Subdivision at Fordoche) and authorized the disposition thereof, and to further provide 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO DESCRIBING THE  
PRECINCT BOUNDARIES FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL, AND  
ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION &  
CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to describing the precinct boundaries for the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and assigning polling locations, and further providing with respect thereto was conducted at 5:49 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2021 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. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to describing the precinct boundaries for the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and assigning polling locations, and further providing with respect

thereto be accepted 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 and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000,000 SALES TAX REFUNDING BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN PRIOR BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 sales tax refunding bonds, in one or more series, of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such bonds; providing for the refunding of certain prior bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, and further providing with respect thereto was conducted at 5:50 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 2021 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. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 sales tax refunding bonds, in one or more series, of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such bonds; providing for the refunding of certain prior bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith, 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. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

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

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE(S) FOR 2021

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

RESOLVED, That the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Pointe Coupee:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Parish Tax	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.71 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	3.51 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	3.81 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding)	1.35 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.97 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding)	3.00 mills
Fire District No. 4	10.91 mills

Fire District No. 5	5.00 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	4.03 mills
Sewerage District No. 3A	18.85 mills
Water District No. 1	4.52 mills

;and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

- YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Boudreaux.
  - NAYS: None.
  - ABSTAIN: None.
  - ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.
- On a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 10, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the Second Amendment and right to bear arms, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, after which said ordinance may be considered for adoption. All interested persons are urged to attend.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE III OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO CREATE THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH ZONING CODE. (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 10, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17, Article III of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to create the Pointe Coupee Parish Zoning Code, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, after which said ordinance may be considered for adoption. All interested persons are urged to attend.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Paula Lambert be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Sharon Smith, who resigned.

Substitute motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Claire David be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Sharon Smith, who resigned.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Soulier and Jarreau.  
NAYS: Messrs. LaCoste, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.  
ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.  
On a vote of 2-5-1, the motion failed.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Watkins, LaCoste and Boudreaux.  
NAYS: Messrs. Jarreau and Soulier.  
ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.  
On a vote of 5-2-1, the motion carried.

Councilman Jarreau voiced concerns about members of the Tourist Commission not representing all areas of the parish, which majority of the members are residents of New Roads, and no representative from Ventress.

ACCEPT THE 2020 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTED BY KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

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

RESOLVED, That the 2020 annual audit report submitted by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

NAME PRIVATE ROADS C C LANE & TOPSY LANE OFF OF MORGANZA HIGHWAY FOR E-911 PURPOSES

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

RESOLVED, That a private road be named **CC Lane** off of Morganza Highway at Morganza for E-911 purposes; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a private road be named **Topsy Lane** off of Morganza Highway at Morganza for E-911 purposes.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of Mr. Paul Armand as Director of Parks & Recreation for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government be approved.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.  
NAYS: None.

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ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.  
On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced qualifying dates are July 14 - 16, 2021 for the fall election on October 9, 2021 for vacancies of coroner and two justices of the peace.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman