

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 24, 2021**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in special session at 6:23 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 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. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO DERELICT STRUCTURES (PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 16, Article III, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to derelict structures, 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, September 14, 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 MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR POINTE COUPEE PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Mike Drago (two-year term), George LaCour (two-year term), Joe Beaud, Jr. (four-year term), Joey Kent (four-year term) and Jacques LaCour (four-year term) be appointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners for the Pointe Coupee Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

CREATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE POINTE COUPEE BROADBAND COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That a seven-member Pointe Coupee Broadband Commission is hereby created; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the appointment of seven (7) members to serve as the Pointe Coupee Broadband Commission consisting of a representative of Pointe Coupee Parish Government, Pointe Coupee Parish School Board, Pointe Coupee Health Services District No. 1, Pointe Coupee Parish Library, and three (3) parish presidential appointments is hereby approved.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE LCDBG LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS PROGRAM

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

TO READOPT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE  
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
CORONAVIRUS (LCDBG – CV) LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS  
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government intends to participate in the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (LCDBG – CV) Love Louisiana Outdoors Program, as the opportunity arises; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to any Parish’s participation, citizen participation procedures as set forth in that program need to be adopted and made a part of the guidelines for involvement by citizens of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government as it relates to Community Development Block Grants: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Citizen Participation Plan is hereby readopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Government.

Unanimously carried.

HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT FOR THE PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR THE LCDBG CORONAVIRUS LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS PROGRAM

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

TO HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT FOR THE POINTE  
COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE  
LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
CORONAVIRUS (LCDBG – CV) LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS  
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, local government entities are having to take action to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, HUD was allocated funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government was allocated \$750,000.00 through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (LCDBG-CV) Love Louisiana Outdoors to provide outdoor recreation and fitness opportunities to residents while enabling appropriate social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Parish certifies that it will pay all of the administrative costs associated with the implementation of the Love Louisiana Outdoors Improvements Program. These fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed by the LCDBG-CV Program for professional administrative services that should otherwise be paid directly by the Office of Community Development. Payment for these services shall be in accordance with

the Parish’s contract with the administrative consultant: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the administrative consultant selected to administer the LCDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Program shall be Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, and fees for their grant administration services shall not exceed \$40,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT A CONSTABLE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 6, TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM UNTIL AN ELECTION IS HELD

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

WHEREAS, the members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council with great sorrow and deep sense of loss, take cognizance of the absence of Mr. Elliott Bizette, Jr. Constable, Justice of the Peace District 6, Parish of Pointe Coupee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bizette has rendered innumerable public service to his District, Parish, State of Louisiana and to the people as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the absence of this outstanding citizen to public service is keenly felt as a great personal loss to his family, friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council wishes to appoint someone to replace Mr. Elliott Bizette, Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Mr. Stephen G. Juge be appointed as Constable, Justice of the Peace District 6, Parish of Pointe Coupee, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Elliott Bizette, Jr. until and election is held.

Unanimously carried.

ISSUE PROCLAMATION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR CONSTABLE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DISTRICT 6

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

**PROCLAMATION**

Issuing a proclamation for the calling of a special election to fill the vacancy of Constable, Justice of the Peace District 6 of Pointe Coupee Parish

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Elliott Bizette, Jr., Constable, Justice of the Peace District 6, Parish of Pointe Coupee, passed away on August 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to call a special election to fill the vacancy in said office created by his death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pointe Coupee Parish Council does hereby issue this Proclamation pursuant to LA R.S. 18:602 ordering a special election to fill the said vacancy of Constable, Justice of the Peace District 6 until a special election can be held on the following dates:

- (1) The Special Primary Election shall be held on November 8, 2022; and
- (2) The Special General Election, if necessary, shall be held on December 10, 2022;
- (3) The dates for qualifying for the candidates in the Special Election shall be July 20, 21 and 22, 2022.

This Proclamation shall be published in the official journal of Pointe Coupee Parish and a

copy thereof shall be sent by certified or registered mail to Pointe Coupee Parish Clerk of Court and to the Louisiana Secretary of State as required by law.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman