

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
May 28, 2013**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at the Courthouse Annex in New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Russell Young, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Mmes Janet Vosburg and Melanie Bueche, President. Arrived after roll call: Mr. John Pourciau.

ABSENT: Messrs. Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk, Albert Dukes and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2013, be accepted as written and be published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING--ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

A public hearing to obtain input from citizens concerning an ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenditures of the Police Jury for the year ending December 31, 2013 and to further provide with respect thereto was held at 5:14 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Parish Treasurer Becky Mayeux gave an overview of the ordinance and reported two (2) additional amendments are needed to remove \$250 from the Recreation Fund and \$2,500 from the General Fund.

In response to Juror Cox, Treasurer Mayeux stated an additional \$175,000 was transferred from the Gas Account Fund to the General Fund to balance the budget and explained why the amount was reduced from \$250,000.

There were no objections received orally nor written.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That an additional amendment to an ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2013 to remove \$250 from the Recreation Fund \$2,500 from the General Fund be amended by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Olinde, C. Dukes, Young, Cox, Cline, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, Monk, A. Dukes and Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-5, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Cline:

RESOLVED, That an ordinance amending the operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2013 be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Olinde, C. Dukes, Young and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes, Jarreau, Pourciau, Nelson and Monk.

On a vote of 7-0-5, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO INCREASE BUILDING PERMIT FEES

A public hearing to obtain input from citizens concerning an ordinance to impose fees for the issuance of building permits and fixing those fees, and to further provide with respect thereto was held at 5:20 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Parish Building Official John Pinsonat gave an overview of the ordinance and explained the reason for the increase in fees for permits. There were no objections received orally nor written.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Young:

RESOLVED, That an ordinance to impose fees for the issuance of building permits and fixing those fees be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Olinde, C. Dukes, Young, Cox, Cline, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, Monk, A. Dukes and Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-5, the motion carried.

CONDEMNATION OF ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED 50FT. ON BAYOU FORDOCHE AT MORGANZA OWNED BY LAMARTINE GABOR

In the absence of Juror Pourciau, President Bueche commented on a report received from Parish Building Official John Pinsonat recommending an abandoned structure located 50 ft. on Bayou Fordoche at Morganza owned by Mr. Lamartine Gabor be condemned and demolished because it is unsafe for human occupancy.

Mr. Gabor explained the reason the abandoned structure and other items are on the property and his intentions to utilize the structure.

Juror Pourciau entered the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Juror Pourciau stated the property needs to be cleaned and asked that this matter be tabled for 30 days for further research.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the condemnation of an abandoned structure located 50 ft. on Bayou Fordoche at Morganza owned by Mr. Lamartine Gabor be tabled for 30 days for further research.

Unanimously carried.

RENEW AGREEMENT WITH LIONEL BOUDREAUX TRUCKING FOR WHITE GOODS & BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello presented the renewal agreement with Lionel Boudreaux Trucking for collections of white goods and bulky waste in the parish for approval of the Jury. After further discussion and comments from Jurors, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the renewal of the contract agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Lionel Boudreaux Trucking for the collections of white goods and bulky waste in the parish for five (5) years beginning at the contract date be approved, pending determination of a formula for the monthly fuel cost adjustment for Lionel Boudreaux Trucking and Progressive Waste Solutions.

Unanimously carried.

FLOOD PROTECTION RESERVOIR IN PLEASANT VIEW SUBDIVISION

Juror Young requested support of the Jury to obtain property to construct a flood protection reservoir in Pleasant View Subdivision at New Roads to control flooding in the subdivision and nearby areas. He reported on obtaining assistance from Senator Rick Ward, Representative Major Thibaut and Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois to develop a plan and obtain funding for this project.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHERIFF BEAUREGARD TORRES, III FOR THE OPERATIONS AND HOUSING OF PARISH INMATES AT THE DETENTION CENTER

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Young:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute an intergovernmental services agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Sheriff Beauregard Torres, III for the operations and housing of parish inmates at the Pointe Coupee Parish Detention Center.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN ENGINEER FOR THE FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello, that Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be hired as the engineer for the False River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL FOR A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE LIONS CLUB FOR DONATING TO THE MORGANZA GYM RESTORATION

Juror Vosburg announced the New Roads Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Police Jury for restoration of the Morganza Gym, and other donations were received from Hilcorp Energy Company, Steve Kent Trucking Company, Mr. Sid Carroll and an anonymous donor.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That a letter of appreciation be sent to the New Roads Lions Club, Hilcorp Energy Company, Steve Kent Trucking Company and Mr. Sid Carroll for their financial donations for restoration of the Morganza Gym be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH AS REQUIRED BY LA R.S. 43:141 & LA R.S. 43:142, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Young:

RESOLVED, That the appointment of The Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the parish as required by La. R.S. 43:141 & La. R.S. 43:142, effective July 1, 2013 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PC COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, INC.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Cline:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Sedonia Munson (Juror District 12) and Mr. Corey Scott (Juror District 2) be appointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc. for a three-year term.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INVOICE FOR SJB GROUP, LLC FOR GUSTAV/IKE CDBG NEW ROADS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS BACK UP PUMPS/SEWER LIFT STATIONS

Motion by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$12,189.32 submitted by SJB Group, LLC, for engineering and surveying services for CDBG Hurricane Gustav/Ike New Roads Sewer Improvements Back Up Pumps/Sewer Lift Stations be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A FY2012-2013 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) PROGRAM AGREEMENT TO REPLACE EXISTING WATER MAINS BETWEEN CLINE DR. & LA HWY. 416 FOR WATER DISTRICT NO. 1

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Young:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute a contract agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Louisiana Division of Administration for the FY 2012-2013 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Grant in the amount of \$71,000.00 to replace existing water mains between Cline Drive and LA Highway 416 for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS (DIRECTORS)

Buildings Maintenance Supervisor:

In the absence of Mr. Ken Vosburg, a monthly maintenance report of buildings owned by the Jury was presented.

Building Official:

Mr. John Pinsonat reported on residential and commercial building permits issued, and gave an update on current commercial projects.

Multi-Use Center Director:

In the absence of Mr. Weldon Jewell, Mr. Bello stated events are scheduled in June at Multi-Use Center.

Parish Administrator:

Mr. Jimmy Bello reported on correspondence received from Progressive Waste Solutions with

an offer of \$.75 per cart per household monthly to repair and replace broken solid waste carts in the parish. He commented on the enormous cost the Jury has incurred to repair and replace carts and suggested the Jury no longer provide carts and allow the citizens to purchase their own carts. Juror Cox suggested a public service announcement be made to the citizens if the Jury will no longer provide carts. After a lengthy discussion, the Jury agreed to place this item on their next agenda for further discussion.

Parish Treasurer:

Mrs. Becky Mayeux presented and reviewed a report on finances of the Jury.

Public Utilities Director:

In the absence of Mr. John Gosserand, a daily cash report for utilities was presented.

Public Works Director:

Mr. Donald Jarreau reported on maintenance of drainage and roads in the parish. A report from the Beaver Trapper and Animal Control Officer was presented.

Recreation Director:

In the absence of Mr. Sal Gensua, Mr. Bello gave a report on recreational activities in the parish.

Sales Tax Director:

Ms. Ronell Roubique presented and commented on the sales tax collections and delinquent taxpayer reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on a Planning Commission meeting held May 16, 2013. Copies of the minutes were mailed to each Juror for their review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

President Bueche reported on a Finance Committee meeting held May 22, 2013. Copies of the minutes were mailed to each Juror for their review.

President Bueche commented on an agreement being drawn that would allow the Sheriff to give a \$50,000 credit on the \$300,000 debt to the Jury to fund the E911 Communications System. After discussion, the Jury agreed to place this item on their next agenda and be given a draft of the agreement to be reviewed prior to the meeting.

Parish Administrator Bello recognized Messrs. Tommy Milazzo and Robert J. Faurie, Jr. of AT&T Services, Inc. who reported on their proposal submitted to enhance the current wireless cell phone service with the Jury. The Jury agreed to withdraw the recommendation from the committee to sign a contract with Verizon, whose proposal was higher than AT&T.

Juror Cox asked that the minutes of the Finance Committee be corrected and the statement that he and Juror Jarreau do not want the administrator to be the contact person to request public records be removed from the minutes because they did not make that statement. He stated the State Statute recognizes the administrator as the contact person. Juror Cox stated he is not in favor of charging citizens \$1.00 per page for copies regardless of what other entities charge because it would prohibit the public their right to public access to documents and that the policy would coincide with the statute.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That the Public Record Request Form for presentation to the administrator for public record requests be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, John Pourciau, Clifford Nelson, Justin Cox, Jimmy Bello and John Gosserand be appointed to serve as members of the committee to review the Public Utilities delinquent accounts and present recommendations for collections to the Jury in July.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Pourciau, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President