

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
August 25, 2015

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Messrs. Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Russell Polar and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: Messrs. John Pourciau, Albert Dukes and Kurt Jarreau.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Resolution--Authorize the president to sign Form 2406 with GOSHEP for the Pecan Acres Subdivision Drainage Project.(Cletus Langlois)

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Polar, Nelson, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: None.

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

On a vote of 9-0-3, the motion carried.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 11, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING--LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (LCDBG) PROGRAM FY 2016-2017 APPLICATION

A hearing to obtain input and views from citizens on the community development needs of the parish and discuss submission of an application under the State of Louisiana FY2016-2017 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program was held at 5:10 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation reported \$13.5 million is available for funding throughout Louisiana. He reported on the application process and activities (roads, sewer or water) that are available for funding that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes. Submittal of an application is due in November. Engineer Gravois ask the Jury for suggestions of a project they wanted to be funded. After receiving comments from Jurors, Engineer Gravois will research the feasibility of whether the Jury should submit an application for rehabilitation to one of the sewer systems in the parish or the emergency access road in King Place Subdivision and report his findings at the next Jury meeting.

APPROVAL TO RELOCATE FENCE ON JURY'S PROPERTY NEXT TO OLD FIRE STATION AT INNIS FOR INNIS WATERWORKS TO INSTALL A GENERATOR FOR WELL SITE

Juror Monk and Mr. Bob Allen requested approval of the Jury to allow Innis Waterworks to relocate a fence approximately 30 feet on Jury’s property to install an emergency generator for their well site next to the old fire station at Innis. They also asked approval to enter into a Joint Services Agreement with the Jury to allow use of the parking lot.

Motion by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mr. Nelson:

RESOLVED, That the relocation of a fence approximately 30 feet on property of the Police Jury by Innis Waterworks Corporation to install an emergency generator for their well site next to the old fire station at Innis be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign a Joint Services Agreement between the Police Jury and Innis Waterworks Corporation for the use of the parking lot next to the old fire station at Innis.

Unanimously carried.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED TO DELAY THE MANDATORY CHANGES FOR 2016 HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW

Insurance Agent Henry Powell reported on immediate action required by the Police Jury to delay the mandatory changes for 2016 health care reform law that will affect group health insurance for all employees. He reported on a proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield to change the medical anniversary/renewal date from July 1, 2015 to December 1, 2015 with no increase in rates.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Blue Cross Blue Shield to change the medical anniversary/renewal date to December 1, 2015 through December 1, 2016 with no increase in rates for group health insurance for employees of the Police Jury be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF A FINANCIAL PROCESS MANUAL

Juror Cox commented on the presentation of a proposed Finance Policies & Procedures Manual for the Jury. He commented on the need for the Jury to adopt the manual.

Treasurer Becky Mayeux gave an overview of the proposed Finance Policies & Procedures Manual. CPA Jacob Waguespack also made comments on the manual.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury Finance Policies & Procedures Manual be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS POINTE COUPEE PARISH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS/FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH

President Bueche read and presented the following proclamation for approval of the Jury:

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

PROCLAMATION
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH

WHEREAS, fires can take lives, devastate communities, and destroy our homes and businesses, and pose a threat to the citizens of our parish; and

WHEREAS, we emphasize the importance of taking steps to prevent fires and we recognize the selflessness of those who answer the call to fight these blazes, placing themselves in danger to help others; and

WHEREAS, we owe a great debt to our brave first responders who respond to accidents to save lives and firefighters who run toward the scene of a disaster to fight fires, they are heroes who demonstrate courage, determination, and professionalism every day as they race through time to save lives and battle flames and smoke and teach their neighbors how to protect themselves; and

WHEREAS, firefighters and first responders bravely and selflessly risk their own lives every day to protect Pointe Coupee families, visitors, and businesses, and they do not hesitate to save the lives of others, their commitment to continue training, skill enhancement, and inter-agency coordination make them vital members of every community in the parish; and

WHEREAS, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for firefighters and first responders provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2015 as **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH** and do hereby encourage all citizens to take time to show firefighters and first responders and their families how much we value their service to our parish. This will be an opportunity for parish leaders at every level and citizens to demonstrate appreciation for all men and women who protect and serve our parish as volunteer firefighters and first responders and an opportunity for Pointe Coupee citizens to say, "Thank you", to the firefighters and first responders who keep them safe.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF ABANDONED HOUSE AT 9011 ISLAND ROAD AT JARREAU OWNED BY SPENCER BOATNER ESTATE

Juror Olinde asked that the condemnation of an abandoned house at 9011 Island Road at Jarreau owned by Spencer Boatner Estate be tabled until the next meeting.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION REGARDING REQUEST OF CONTRIBUTION FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Juror Vosburg reported on correspondence from Harvest Festival Commission Chairperson Betty Fontaine requesting a financial contribution from the Jury to sponsor the Harvest Festival on False River. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury allocate \$1,000 as a Bronze Sponsorship for the Harvest Festival on False River in October to paid be from the Parish Promotion Fund.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FOR PEC FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION – PHASE I SOUTH FLATS, REGIONAL FENCE LINE MONITORING PROJECT, FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION AND HGA FOR IKE/GUSTAV DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, that an invoice in the amount of \$205,553.40 (Pay Estimate No. 8) submitted by RLB Contracting, Inc. for False River Ecosystem Restoration – Phase I South Flats Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$3,780.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River Ecosystem Restoration – Phase I South Flats Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,585.28 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Regional Fence Line Monitoring Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$22,933.56 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$11,721.51 (Interim Billing #54) submitted by Hunt, Guillot& Associates, LLC for professional services for Hurricanes Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS--PROJECT NO. 5 - ISLAND ROAD DRAINAGE

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal for the Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 5 - Island Road Drainage.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS--PROJECT NO. 14 - CANEZARO ROAD DRAINAGE RELIEF

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal for the Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 14 - Canezaro Road Drainage Relief.

Unanimously carried.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Resolution for authorization to advertise for bids--Project No. 11 - Portage Canal Drainage Improvements. (Kevin Gravois)

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

YEAS: Messrs. Nelson, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Cox, Cline, Polar and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

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

On a vote of 9-0-3, the motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS--PROJECT NO. 11 – PORTAGE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal for the Parish Wide Drainage Improvements Project No. 11 - Portage Canal Drainage Improvements.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN FORM 2406 WITH GOSHEP FOR THE PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE PROJECT

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois announced that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued an email stating approval of funding in the amount of \$1.3 million for the Pecan Acres Subdivision Drainage Project. He requested approval authorizing President Bueche to sign Form 2406 with GOSHEP for said project.

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Messrs. Nelson, Monk, Olinde, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Cox, Cline, Polar and Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, be authorized to execute Form 2406 with GOSHEP for the Pecan Acres Subdivision Drainage Project.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION

Chairperson Vosburg reported on a Recreation Committee meeting held August 19, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That PC Rec portable building be prepared for storage using LGAP funds; and be it

RESOLVED further, That cost estimates be obtained for changing the floors, building cabinets and a new sign be made for the PC Rec/Multi-Use Office; and be it

RESOLVED further, That PC Rec proceed with the resurfacing and lighting of the tennis courts at False River Recreation Park at a cost increase in the amount of \$585.00 to be paid from the Recreation budget; and be it

RESOLVED further, That cost estimates be obtained for forming and finishing the concrete slabs for the batting cages at False River Recreation Park; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the water fountain at Rosenwald Park be replaced with a cast iron fountain at a cost of \$499.00; and be it

RESOLVED further, That all locks at the Morganza Gym be changed and keys kept strictly in the PC Rec Office.

Unanimously carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on a Planning Commission meeting held August 20, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Juror Cox discussed the waiver approved at their July 28, 2015 meeting for a plat for L. J. Grezaffi's subdivision off of LA Highway 1, and that Mr. Johnny Ewing told him he never spoke with Mr. Grezaffi about this matter nor stated to him he did not have a problem with the waiver, as Mr. Grezaffi stated in their meeting on July 28.

President Bueche stated the developer came to her because the subdivision is located in her district. She gave a detailed explanation as to why this matter was brought before the Jury prior to receiving approval from the Planning Commission. She reported this matter needs to return back to the commission to either approve or disapprove or approve with a stipulation.

In response to Juror Cox, Mr. Grezaffi stated Mr. Johnny Ewing did tell him he had no problem with his waiver and at the Jury meeting he never said he received a verbal approval.

Juror Vosburg commended the members for their dedication and the job they are doing on the commission. She gave a detailed review of the work the commission performs, and stated this matter should have been presented to the commission prior to the Jury's approval.

Juror C. Dukes stated that Mr. Grezaffi, a constituent of his district, did not overlook the Planning Commission, but is only trying to make the parish better. He asked that the Planning Commission expedite the system so Mr. Grezaffi can get the plat approve.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the removal of Lot A from the Denis Bueche Testamentary Trust Riverbank Property located in Section 101, T5S & R10E off of LA Highway 413 at Jarreau for Robert McDonner be approved, and a variance be granted by the Police Jury, due to the hardship being the pre-existing camp on the property; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a plat showing the survey of Lots 1-10 Ingleside Crossroad said Lots 1-10 being removed from Ingleside Plantation North Subdivision located in Sections 11 & 43, T6S & R10E on the corner of LA Highway 1 and Lorio Dairy Road at Lakeland for Luke J. Grezaffi be sent back to the Planning Commission for approval or disapproval, as recommended in legal opinion obtained by the Jury; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a plat showing the survey of Lot PBH-1A, Lot PBH-2A, Lot PBH-5A & Lot PBH-5B being the resubdivision of Lot PBH-1, PBH-2 & Lot PBH-5 formerly belonging to Pearl Bergeron Haydel located in Section 100, T4S & R10E at Ventress for Haydel Land Company, Inc. be approved, pending the 7.5' utilities servitude be placed along LA Highway 413; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plats for Robert McDonner and Haydel Land Company, Inc.; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Chairman Johnny Ewing be authorized to meet with Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell to craft an ordinance to revert back to the original ordinance regarding utilities easement on LA Highway 10 from the Audubon Bridge to the intersection of LA Highway 10 and Delta Place Road.

Unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

Chairman C. Dukes reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held August 20, 2015. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That the employment of Mr. Don Ewing be continued for an additional 60 days; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Police Jury continues using Drug Testing Consortium for DOT drug screening.

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Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Nelson, the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President