

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**May 23, 2017**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 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. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Kyle Olinde, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Justin Cox.

**ABSENT:** Messrs. Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith and Anthony Hurst.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Jeanette Derosin made comments about the appointment of members to the Museum Committee.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 9, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO RANDALL "RANDY" JARREAU FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE ON POINTE COUPEE WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

President Bueche presented a Certificate of Recognition honoring Mr. Randall "Randy" Jarreau for his 32 years of service as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

She also recognized Vice President Freddie Solomon and members Hilliard Caldwell and Ray Jarreau of the water district for their attendance and support of Mr. Jarreau.

CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE DIVISION A SEAT

Attorney Lonnie Guidroz announced his candidacy for District Judge in Division A and asked the Jurors for their support.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH USER RATES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 10-3 of Article I of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana establishing user rates and related requirements for the parish natural gas system, and further providing with respect thereto was held Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 5:46 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. C. J. Arnold gave an overview of the ordinance, and a rate study he performed of the parish gas systems. He responded to questions and comments from persons in the audience and Jurors.

Juror Cline stated he realizes a gas rate increase is needed, but is not in favor of implementing all four (4) phases at this time, which will end January 2019. He suggested amending the ordinance to implement only the first phase, and the Jury considers and reviews the other three (3) phases mid-year in 2018 or when the new council takes office.

After further discussion, there were no objections received written nor orally.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH USER RATES AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 10-3 of Article I of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana establishing user rates and related requirements for the parish natural gas system, and further providing with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 10-3 of Article I of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee establishing user rates and related requirements for the parish natural gas system be amended.

The motion died, due to a lack of a second.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Olinde, Cox, Bazile, Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: Mr. Cline.

ABSENT: Messrs. Dukes, Smith and Hurst.

On a vote of 8-1-3, the motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM BY COASTAL BRIDGE

Project Manager Fred McClain gave an update on the Road Rehabilitation Program by Coastal Bridge, and asked the Jury's acceptance of their plan of action to resolve the problems with the raveling roads they recently overlaid. Mr. Tony Garcia of Coastal informed the Jury that Nationwide Mutual Insurance is in receipt of the Jury's letter and they found Coastal is not in default of the project or contract.

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois commented on this matter and his review of Coastal's letter and plan of action and supports his recommendation made to the Jury at their last meeting.

After a lengthy discussion by representatives of Coastal and Jurors, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the binder of informational data and plan of action from Coastal Bridge Company be reviewed by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation and Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell, and present a report of their findings to the Jury, and a meeting of the Public Works Committee be scheduled with representatives of Coastal Bridge, PEC and Assistant District Attorney Jewell to discuss the findings and agree upon a solution to remedy the raveling roads.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FROM WILDLIFE & FISHERIES FOR THE DRAWDOWN OF FALSE RIVER FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 – JANUARY 15, 2018 AND SCHEDULED DRAWDOWNS FOR THE YEARS 2020, 2023 AND 2026

Juror Olinde commented on the recommendation from LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDW&F) proposed schedule to drawdown False River beginning September 5, 2017 and ending January 15, 2018.

Juror Olinde introduced Mr. Brian Heimann of the LDW&F who gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation about the water level management and drawdown of False River as a management effort to combat the adverse effects of siltation and improve sport fish habitat. He reported that the LDW&F, along with the support of the False River Watershed Council, is recommending the water level reduction (drawdown).

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury approves a drawdown of False River from September 5, 2017 thru January 15, 2018, and scheduled drawdowns for the years 2020, 2023 and 2026.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED MOBILE HOME AT 5567 DAILEY STREET AT BATCHELOR OWNED BY JERRY IVERY

Juror Taylor discussed a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of an abandoned mobile home located at 5567 Dailey Street at Batchelor owned by Mr. Jerry Ivery that is in bad condition and a potential hazard for human occupancy.

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

RESOLVED, That an abandoned mobile home located at 5567 Dailey Street at Batchelor owned by Mr. Jerry Ivery be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of an abandoned mobile home owned by Mr. Jerry Ivery.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED PIER AND BOAT SHED AT 8945 ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS OWNED BY MICHAEL G. LANGLOIS

Juror Olinde discussed a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of an abandoned pier and boat shed located at 8945 Island Road at Ventress owned by Mr. Michael G. Langlois that is in bad condition and a potential hazard to humans.

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

RESOLVED, That an abandoned pier and boat shed located at 8945 Island Road at Ventress owned by Mr. Michael G. Langlois be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of an abandoned pier and boat shed owned by Mr. Michael G. Langlois.

Unanimously carried.

RESTORE LA TASK FORCE (RESTORE.LA.GOV.)

President Bueche reported a flyer with information about Restore LA Task Force (restore.la.gov.) is available to provide financial assistance to homeowners with damages to their homes from the flood in August 2016.

UPDATE ON LITTER PROGRAM

President Bueche gave an update on the Litter Program in the parish, and reported \$1,850.00 in donations was received from businesses in the parish to support the program.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River and reported the water level is 16.8 ft., and two (2) gates are open.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FROM PEC FOR FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT AND LORIO DAIRY ROAD BRIDGE OVER BAYOU SERE & DOTD OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE METRICS

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$12,273.22 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 \$3,825.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Lorio Dairy Road Bridge over Bayou Sere & LA DOTD Off-System Bridge Metrics be approved for payment

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT MEMBERS TO MUSEUM COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED, That Mmes Georgia Battley and Yvonne Chenevert be appointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Museum Committee for a three-year term.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD PROPOSAL TO HIRE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FY2018-2019 LCDBG PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has solicited qualifications statements from engineering firms for the implementation of the FY2018-2019 LA Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm chosen for the LCDBG Program shall be Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury will not receive “bonus points” through the program as the engineering costs will be paid for through the State’s LCDBG Program, and invoices for these services shall be submitted to the State for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the costs will include, but not be limited to basic design, resident inspection, topographic and/or property surveying, testing, staking, etc., and costs will be based on a percentage of the estimated construction cost in accordance with the engineering fee schedules for the LCDBG Program, and these fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed under the LCDBG Program: therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened, that the engineering services be performed by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD PROPOSAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR FY2018-2019 LCDBG PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has solicited proposals for administrative services for the preparation and implementation of the FY2018-2019 LA Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury will not receive “bonus points” through the program as the administration costs will be paid for through the State’s LCDBG Program, and invoices for these services shall be submitted to the State for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the costs will include, but not be limited to application preparation fees, audit fees, advertising and publication fees, local staff time, workshop expenses, and/or administrative consultant fees, and these fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed by the LCDBG Program for professional administrative services that should otherwise be paid directly by the Office of Community Development, and payment for these services shall be in accordance with the Parish’s contract with the administrative consultant; and

WHEREAS, the firm chosen to administer the LCDBG Program shall be Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation in the amount of \$33,000.00: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened, that the administrative consulting services be performed by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZED PRESIDENT TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PC DETENTION CENTER

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign an Intergovernmental Services Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and the Sheriff of the Parish of Pointe Coupee for the operations and maintenance of the Pointe Coupee Parish Detention Center for a term of one (1) year.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 50 SOLID WASTE CARTS

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of 50 solid waste carts in the amount of \$2,600.00 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE AN EXPERIENCED BEAVER TRAPPER

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

RESOLVED, That the hiring of an experienced Beaver Trapper for the parish be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Police Jury advertise a position vacancy notice in the official journal for the position of an experienced Beaver Trapper to work four (4) eight-hour days per week at an annual salary of \$22,667.00.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PLANNING

Juror Olinde reported on a Planning Commission meeting held May 18, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That upon recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a survey map showing the subdivision of the Timmy J. Gros Property, the Joseph H. Pourciau Property, and Tract B-3, D & E of the Felton Dickinson, Sr. Estate Subdivision, all formerly a portion of Lot 20 of the Subdivision of Oakland Plantation into Tracts B-3-A, D-1, D-2, D-3 & E-1 off of Oakland Road in Section 74, T5S & R10E and Section 37, T6S & R10E at Lakeland for Timmy J. Gros, Charlette D. Gros, Joseph H. Pourciau, Gayle D. Pourciau, Felton E. Dickinson, Jr. and Diane D. Leader be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a final plat showing the removal of Lot 19 from Riverlake Plantation (Lot 2) off of David Road in Section 70, T5S & R10E at Oscar for Melodie M. Fairchild be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission, a map showing the subdivision of the former batture portion of the Olinde Properties of Pointe Coupee, LLC off of LA Highway 1 in Section 69, T5S & R10E at Oscar for KZL Properties, LLC be approved, pending approval of Parish Sanitarian Carl Whittington; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plats for Timmy J. Gros, Charlette D. Gros, Joseph H. Pourciau, Gayle D. Pourciau, Felton E. Dickinson, Jr., Diane D. Leader, Melodie M. Fairchild and KZL Properties, LLC; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the 5' sideline variance on both sides of the property from the roof line for Craig Gosserand on Willow Grove at Ventress be granted as long as it does not violate the existing subdivision restrictions.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Secretary

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Melanie L. Bueche  
President