

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
September 11, 2018

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Olinde gave condolences to the families of the following:

- Mr. Miles Brashier, who passed away, he was the retired County Agent of the parish.
- Mr. Rick Falgout, who passed away, he was the husband of retired employee Kitty Falgout.

He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the events of 9/11 when 17 years ago thousands of people lost their lives and many sacrificed their lives on September 11, 2001.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith, J. A. Bueche, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Kyle Olinde. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Anthony Hurst.

ABSENT: None.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 28, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Proclamation declaring October as Miles Brashier Month.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Dukes, Smith, Bueche, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Jarreau and Olinde.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Hurst.

On a vote of 11-0-1, the motion carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD (MELLISA SMITH)

Juror Dukes presented an anniversary service award to employee Mellisa Smith for 30 years of dedicated service.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS MILES BRASHIER MONTH

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

PROCLAMATION
MILES BRASHIER MONTH 2018

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles Brashier served as County Agent and Parish Chairman of Pointe Coupee Parish dedicating over 35 years of service to the LSU AgCenter and an advocate for agricultural throughout the parish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles Brashier was an inspired leader of 4-H and trained over 70 state winners, 40 state alternate winners, and over 250 blue ribbon winners at 4-H Short Course, now known as 4-H University; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the establishment of the Pointe Coupee Multi-Use Center and served as Chairman of the committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miles Brashier will be remembered for his many accomplishments, the many lives he has touched, and the contributions and accolades he gave to Pointe Coupee Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KYLES OLINDE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, do hereby proclaim **October 2018** as **MILES BRASHIER MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to remember the mission of this noble humanitarian.

Unanimously carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met at 5:39 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes. Assessor James “Jimmy” Laurent, Jr. reported there were no appeals received.

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

RESOLVED, That the appraisal of assessment of properties, rules and regulations in the parish as presented by the Assessor be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE AGREEMENT OF EXISTING CLAIMS WITH RESERVATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS AND EXTENDED WARRANTY AGREEMENT WITH COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY, LLC & NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Attorney R. Gray Sexton and Engineer Kevin Gravois presented and gave an overview of the proposed action list for closeout of the Road Rehabilitation Program with Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for approval of the Jury that included the execution of a settlement & compromise agreement, warranty & maintenance bond, contract change order No. 1 and certificate of substantial completion. After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kyle Olinde be authorized to sign a settlement and compromise agreement of existing claims with reservations of certain rights and extended warranty agreement, warranty and maintenance bond, change order No. 1 and certificate of substantial completion between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, Coastal Bridge Company, LLC and Nationwide Insurance Company for the Road Rehabilitation Program.

Unanimously carried.

President Olinde thanked Attorney Sexton for providing legal assistance with the closeout and settlement of the Road Rehabilitation Program.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED PIER OFF OF FALSE RIVER ROAD AT OSCAR (PARCEL #00467000) OWNED BY EUGENE E. BONNECAZE

A report was received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of an abandoned pier located off of False River Road at Oscar (Parcel #00467000) owned by Eugene E. Bonneau that is in bad condition and a potential hazard for human use.

Motion by Mr. Bueche and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That an abandoned pier located off of False River Road at Oscar (Parcel #00467000) owned by Eugene E. Bonneau be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of an abandoned pier owned by Eugene E. Bonneau.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

President Olinde gave an update on mosquito abatement in the parish. He reported additional trucks and spraying are being conducted, due to the increase population of mosquitoes in the parish.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

President Olinde reported the water level on False River is 15.5 ft. and the gates are closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC TO PERFORM ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE POLICE JURY

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kyle Olinde be authorized to sign an engagement letter with Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC to perform the annual audit of the Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS - FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PHASE II – NORTH FLATS PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal and online with Central Bidding for the False River EcoSystem Restoration Phase II – North Flats Project.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3 FOR PEC FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That the Mr. Kyle Olinde be authorized to sign the contract amendment No. 3 between the Police Jury and Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River EcoSystem Restoration Phase II – North Flats Project.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INVOICES (PAY ESTIMATE NO. 8) FROM COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY FOR ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice (Pay Estimate No. 8) in the amount of \$21,021.46 submitted by Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for the Road Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Cox thanked Engineer Gravois for his hard work and assistance with the settlement of the Road Rehabilitation Program.

SUPPORT PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO IMPOSE A \$.10 CENT PER POUND FEE ON ALL SEAFOOD IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES TO IMPROVE IMPORTED SEAFOOD SAFETY REQUESTED BY LT. GOVERNOR BILLY NUNGESSER

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

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and Senate to introduce and support legislation to impose a \$.10 cent per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

WHEREAS, a 2017 study conducted by the U.S. Governmental Accountability Office found that only a limited number of inspections are performed on foreign seafood processors and farmers; and

WHEREAS, foreign seafood, especially those grown in aquaculture facilities, are often treated with large doses of antibiotics and other chemicals to treat diseases and enhance their growth; and

WHEREAS, the lack of inspections and testing can lead to unhealthy levels of chemicals and antibiotics in the seafood being consumed by Americans; and

WHEREAS, these practices place American Commercial Seafood Producers at a competitive disadvantage with foreign producers who are not held to the same standards; and

WHEREAS, the fees collected on imported seafood can be used to fund the hiring of additional inspectors to insure the safety of imported seafood consumed by Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Parish:

SECTION 1. That the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and the Senate be and are hereby requested to introduce and support legislation to impose a \$.10 cent per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve imported seafood safety.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be mailed to each member of the delegation for consideration.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PERSONNEL

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Chairman Dukes reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held September 10, 2018. He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Treven Tibbs be employed as a Laborer at Pay Grade 201, Step 1 at an annual salary of \$20,808.00.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Kyle Olinde
President