

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
April 9, 2019

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2019 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 12, 2019 meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge Executive Director Jamie Tindle reported on autism and April being National Autism Awareness Month. She announced and encouraged everyone to participate in the 10th Annual Active for Autism 5K Run/Walk & Fun Fest on April 27, 2019 in Baton Rouge.

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

PROCLAMATION
Autism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong developmental difference, associated with significant alteration of an individual's ability to learn in the same way as others, which may include differences in social behaviors and communication; and

WHEREAS, autism, also known as autism spectrum disorders, affects people regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of autism in the United States is 1 in 59 according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, evidence suggests autism is the result of neurological anomalies affecting the functioning of the brain and few members of the general public understand this complex syndrome; and

WHEREAS, persons with autism can be helped to reach their greatest potential, and accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and interventions, as well as community acceptance and accommodations, are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex set of differences that requires increased research to one day better understand it; and

WHEREAS, the greater recognition and understanding of autism can ensure that individuals with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2019 as

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to participate in the Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge 10th Annual Active for Autism 5K Run, Walk & Fun Fest on Saturday, April 27, 2019 to bring awareness of autism.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 22-26, 2019 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

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

**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has had a significant impact on our local economy through either job creation and retention, public infrastructure improvements and/or improved housing; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish and other local governments have clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG Program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as housing rehabilitation and relocation, neighborhood centers, job creation and retention, and public infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the week of **April 22 - 26, 2019**, as **NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and the important role it plays in our community.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING ANNIE BONAVENTURE LABATUT DAY

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

**PROCLAMATION
ANNIE BONAVENTURE LABATUT DAY**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Bonaventure Labatut, a resident of Pointe Coupee Parish, was born April 30, 1919 in Oscar, Louisiana to the late Mr. Paul Bonaventure and Mrs. Alma St. Romain; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Labatut married the late Mr. Emmanuel P. Labatut on September 1, 1946, to this union four children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren were born, and was a housewife throughout her years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, she is a sweet, loving lady who takes pride in her great accomplishments throughout life; and

WHEREAS, the majority of her time she enjoys exercising daily, lots of laughter and being with family and everyone at Lakeview Manor Nursing Home.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim **Tuesday, April 30, 2019** as

ANNIE BONAVENTURE LABATUT DAY

in Pointe Coupee Parish and do hereby encourage all citizens to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating thereof.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Major Thibaut gave a review and updates of the following:

- Finances - Ad valorem and sales tax collections; renewal of the general liability & automobile policies with a \$6,700 yearly savings; projected savings of \$36,000 annually for roadside grass maintenance, and \$20,000 annually for parish owned properties; and the City of New Roads will begin collecting the Drainage Maintenance Fee for the parish.
- Public Works - GPS installed in all parish vehicles; collecting drainage studies for the parish to seek funding allocated for flood projects; advertisement for bids to repair four (4) bridges in the parish; Delta and Mandela Sewer Systems operating properly; a litter program will be implemented in the parish with once a week collections; and bids will be opened in two (2) weeks for the Johnson Canal Pumping Station Influent.
- Recreation – PC Rec have 335 participants signed up for baseball, including 27 teams, games will begin on April 22, 2019; Councilman Bergeron and volunteers upgraded and repaired one of the baseball fields, along with the New Roads Lions Club and the parish funding some of the repairs; thanked Councilman Bergeron and the Lions Club for sponsoring the repairs and upgrades to the field; a sponsorship program is being implemented for the Multi-Use Center; advertising for lighting at the Multi-Use Center that is being funded by a grant from the Pennington Foundation; and four (4) events were held at the center in March.
- Administration – the five-year contract with Fidelity Communications to provide telephone and internet services at a cost savings of \$8,113; approval of a \$10,000 grant to perform a feasibility study of repairs needed to the courthouse; and repairs needed to parish buildings.
- Public Utilities – Solid waste collection in the parish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ORDAIN SECTIONS 19-16 THRU 19-21 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF BRIDGES, CULVERTS, ETC. IN THE PARISH (PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD MAY 14, 2019)

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

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact provisions of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to culverts; to provide for permits, fees and specifications; and to provide for related matters 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, May 14, 2019 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.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS(S) FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

APPROVAL OF A 5FT. SIDELINE VARIANCE REQUEST ON RIGHT SIDE OF EXISTING LOT FOR CHRIS & SANDY SADLER AT 8144 FALSE RIVER ROAD, OSCAR

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, a 5ft. sideline variance request on right side of existing lot for Chris & Sandy Sadler at 8144 False River Road at Oscar be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO FALSE RIVER AIR PARK COMMISSION, LIBRARY BOARD AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of Mr. Joseph Gosserand (Seat F) as a member of the False River Air Park Commission for a five-year term be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the reappointment of Mrs. Mary Helen McCoy (Position B) as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the reappointment of Mmes Jeanette Derosin, Gail Hurst, Martha Stoute for a two-year term, and Renee Major for a three-year term as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Museum Committee be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF THE EXPENSE & VEHICLE POLICY FOR THE PARISH PRESIDENT

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Expense and Vehicle Policy for the Parish President be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PARISH ROADSIDE GRASS MAINTENANCE

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

RESOLVED, That the contract agreement between the Parish of Pointe Coupee and Deville’s Lawn Service II, LLC for parish roadside grass maintenance be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICES

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

RESOLVED, That the contract agreement between the Parish of Pointe Coupee and Fidelity Communications for telephone and internet services be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DG LOUISIANA, LLC (DOLLAR GENERAL STORE NO. 19750, VENTRESS)

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

RESOLVED, That a liquor license for DG Louisiana, LLC (Dollar General Store No. 19750, Ventress) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish:

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.
4. That the Parish President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.

5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Boudreaux reminded members that Legislative Day will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center.

Councilman Bazile invited members to attend a meeting hosted by the Office of Community Development and with the residents of Pecan Acres Subdivision to discuss the relocation program on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church Hall.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman