

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 24, 2021

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 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.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 27, 2021 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

DISCUSSION OF FALSE RIVER BOATING AND SAFETY

Chairman Boudreaux commented on a meeting held at Sand Bar on False River, LLC at Oscar, relative to boat safety on False River. There were comments made by councilmembers.

Director of Administration Mark Ward gave an overview of the meeting held about boat safety on False River. Director Ward reported that the council is responsible for regulating the no wake zones and speed limits on False River. He gave an update on the replacement of buoys in the river, signage at boat launches along the river, education and rules and enforcement of safety on the river. He reported the zones and speed limits are to be enforced by the sheriff and LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries.

Sheriff Rene` Thibodeaux commented on the meeting at Sand Bar. Sheriff Thibodeaux announced he and a representative from LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries will be teaching a boating safety class September 18, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. He commented on increasing patrols in the river on weekends.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT/DEPARMENT UPDATES

Parish President Major Thibaut announced a meeting will be held August 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in his office with U S Senator Bill Cassidy to discuss the infrastructure bill that is in congress, relative to roads and bridges.

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Public work improvements to drainage, bridges, graveled roads and Discharge Bayou; upcoming meeting with the parish presidents of Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes to tour a pumping station in Ascension Parish; utilities upgrades; PC Rec programs and improvements to False River Recreation Park; applying for a grant for improvements to multi-use center and events scheduled at the center; building and electrical permits issued in July; improvements to detention center; solid waste and bulky waste collections; meeting with Congressman Garrett Graves about locating broadband in rural areas of the state, and the creation of a broadband commission for Pointe Coupee; False River water level is 15.8; blighted properties, grass violations and planning & zoning; COVID-19 positivity cases reduced by 7% and vaccines at 44% in the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the following:

- A meeting being scheduled with Assessor Jimmy Laurent, Jr., relative to Cleco’s appealing their assessment.
- A joint meeting/workshop being scheduled with the council and school board members, relative to redistricting/reapportionment with presenter Mike Hefner.
- A meeting held with fire districts to obtain feedback about consolidating all boards to create one single board, and the fire chiefs will have their meeting to discuss further.
- The parish office will be closed Monday, September 6, 2021 for Labor Day Holiday.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.