

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**January 11, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

A. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Boudreaux announced that nominations were in order for the election of a Chairman.

Mr. LaCoste nominated Mr. Boudreaux for Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gaspard.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for Chairman be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Boudreaux was declared nominated Chairman.

Chairman Boudreaux thanked the councilmembers for re-electing him Chairman of the Council.

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 14, 2021 regular 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 JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 5, 2022 AS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

**PROCLAMATION**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2022**

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 30 through Saturday, February 5, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge evangelize hearts, educate minds, encourage talent and embrace the future; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge began this school year

on-time following safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, successfully involve parents and communities in support of schools, and encourage local creativity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to reaching out to all children regardless of heritage, religion, race or economic status and, indeed, have made this commitment part of their mission; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality education for thousands of students each year in our state, Catholic schools have helped relieve the financial burden placed on the public school system of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of the fine leaders of the Catholic Church and civic community, the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage the understanding that character is not measured by wealth or prominence but by integrity, compassion and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, both the Catholic community and all citizens of the city, parish and nation can share in the success achieved by the Catholic system of schools during the many years of service, while remaining confident in its lasting endurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim January 30 - February 5, 2022 as **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Catholic schools in our community.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 15, 2022 AS JULIET TAYLOR WILLIAMS DAY

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

**PROCLAMATION  
JULIET TAYLOR WILLIAMS DAY**

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Juliet Taylor Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Juliet Taylor Williams has rendered innumerable public service to the Parish and the State of Louisiana, and to the people as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Juliet Taylor Williams served as the first African American female Police Juror of District 1, Parish of Pointe Coupee for 12 years from January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, she will be remembered for her many accomplishments, the many lives she has touched, and the contributions and accolades she gave to Pointe Coupee Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim **Saturday, January 15, 2022** as

**JULIET TAYLOR WILLIAMS DAY**

in Pointe Coupee Parish and do hereby encourage all citizens to remember the mission of this noble humanitarian, and to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating thereof.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave an update on the parish finances, including a monthly budget to actual comparison on the general, special revenue, capital projects, and enterprise funds; advertising for utility service worker and animal services assistant; Johnson Bayou pumping station; ARPA Funds; and report received from LA DOTD of proposed state roads being overlaid in the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Messrs. Cliff LaCour and Price Gay waived their public comments until the agenda item is discussed.

APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Keith Davidson be reappointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District (E-911) for a four-year term; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Messrs. Ashley Bonds (one-year term) and Ray Jarreau (two-year term) be reappointed members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 Board; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Messrs. Marvin Losavio (four-year term) and Mark Major (one-year term) be reappointed members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2 Board.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Wade O’Neal be reappointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Air Park Commission for a five-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Dr. Donald Doucet and Mr. Anthony Hurst, Sr., be reappointed, and Mmes Brenda Goode and Janet Vosburg be appointed members of the Pointe Coupee Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE V OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR IMPROVEMENT TO PARISH OWNED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 6, Article V of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to provide for Council approval of certain additions, alterations or improvement to Parish owned buildings and facilities, and further provide with respect thereto was

conducted at 5:53 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

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

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council defer actions until a later date on the proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 6, Article V of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, to provide for Council approval of certain additions, alterations or improvement to Parish owned buildings and facilities.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CREATING AND REESTABLISHING A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED BOARD TO SERVE AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR EACH OF THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS IN EXISTENCE AND IN THE FUTURE CREATED IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LRS 40:1504 (PUBLIC HEARING FEBRUARY 8, 2022).

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, creating and reestablishing a single consolidated board to serve as the governing authority for each of the fire protection districts in existence and in the future created in Pointe Coupee Parish, in accordance with LRS 40:1504 , and otherwise provide with respect thereto 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, February 8, 2022 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.

Chairman Boudreaux announced for the firemen in the audience that there will be no discussion on the above introduced ordinance at the meeting today. He reported further discussion will be held at the Executive Committee meeting on January 25, 2022, and at the public hearing on February 8, 2022.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

APPEAL THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION’S DENIAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR LOT WIDTH AND BUILDING SETBACKS FOR LOT SB-2 LOCATED OFF OF LA HWY. 413 (ISLAND ROAD) AT VENTRESS

Commissioner Price Gay of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission asked the council to uphold the commission’s denial of a variance request for Lot SB-2 river frontage for Derek Moreau, which is undersized as per requirement of the parish ordinance.

Attorney Cliff LaCour, representing False Riviera, LLC (neighboring property owner) explained why his client is asking the council to support the Planning & Zoning Commission’s decision and deny the variance request for Mr. Moreau.

Mr. Derek Moreau appeared before the council to appeal the denial of his variance request for lot width and building setbacks for Lot SB-2 located off of Island Road at Ventress by the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, and explained why his request should be approved.

PC Parish Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman James Beard addressed the council about the commission’s denial of Mr. Moreau variance request, relative to the resubdivision of Lot SB-2 that is less than 50ft. He stated the boundary and litigation were not discussed by the commission. He gave an overview and reasons for granting certain variances on the river in the past by the new commission.

Mr. Craig Gosserand explained to the council why Mr. Moreau's variance request should be approved.

After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the variance request for relief on the 50ft requirement of minimum water frontage fronting False River for Lot SB-2 located off of Island Road at Ventress for Mr. Derek Moreau be approved.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, Soulier, Watkins and Bergeron.

NAYS: Messrs. LaCoste, Jarreau and Boudreaux.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Bazile.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 4-3-1, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the closure of the parish office January 17, 2022 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, and the Executive Committee meeting will be held January 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman