

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
April 12, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday April 12, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Charles Watkins and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 8 & 29, 2022 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 8, 2022 regular meeting and March 29, 2022 special 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:

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD TO MIKE DAIGREPONT & TROY LECOQ

Parish President Major Thibaut announced the presentation of employee anniversary service awards to employees Mike Daigrepoint 25 years, and Troy LeCoq 10 years of dedicated service, who were not present at the meeting.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF THE LATE LOUISE HEBERT ALBERT & MORRIS FRANKLIN, JR.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Louise Hebert Albert; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Louise Hebert Albert was a native and resident of New Roads, Louisiana and Pointe Coupee Parish for 79 years; and

WHEREAS, her presence will be sadly missed by her family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Mrs. Louise Hebert Albert and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Morris Franklin, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris Franklin, Jr. was a native and resident of Batchelor and Pointe Coupee Parish for 62 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin was a retired employee of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with 31 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sadly missed by his family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Council does and hereby offer our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Mr. Morris Franklin, Jr. and this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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

**PROCLAMATION  
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, the 52nd Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the month of **April, 2022** as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish and encourage all citizens of this parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

**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, 2022 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to reach out to the Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge for support and to bring awareness of autism.

Unanimously carried.

CAPITAL AREA GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Executive Director Gary Beard of Capital Area Ground Water Conservation District gave a PowerPoint presentation and update about the district, which comprise of Pointe Coupee, East & West Feliciana, East & West Baton Rouge and Ascension Parishes. He reported the district has the authority under law to preserve and protect the ground water resources of the six parishes. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave an overview of the financial report of the monthly budget to actual comparison on the ad valorem property taxes, sales tax collections, gas collections, licenses & permits, state severance, and state & federal funds, that included total revenues and expenditures for the month of March; one termination, advertising for one full-time employee at animal shelter and utilities collections department/accounting department; False River water level is 14.2.; and will be scheduling quarterly finance meetings with councilmembers. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RV PARK LOCATED OFF OF FALSE RIVER ROAD AT OSCAR IN SECTION 69, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH & RANGE 10 EAST FOR GH PROPERTIES OF LOUISIANA, LLC

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, a special use permit request for a RV Park located off of False River Road at Oscar in Section 69, Township 5 South & Range 10 East for GH Properties of Louisiana, LLC be approved.

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

- YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS IN THE PARISH (PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MAY 10, 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, to enact Section 17-60, relative to Telecommunications towers in the parish, 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, May 10, 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.

RESOLUTION(S):

CONCURRING WITH THAT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO.1 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE

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

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THAT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500,000.00) OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the "Issuer") adopted a resolution on February 23, 2022 (the "Resolution"), relative to the issuance of not exceeding \$1,500,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bonds") to be issued in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of the Louisiana Local Government Public Finance Act being Part II, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised States of 1950, as amended, particularly La. R.S. 39:524 relating to the issuance of revenue bonds (the "Act") and other constitutional and statutory authority, a copy of said Resolution is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Act and the Resolution, the District gave its notice of intention to issue revenue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$1,500,000 without the necessity of holding an election thereon, and the District held a public hearing thereon on March 23, 2022, at which no objections were made to the issuance of the Bonds and no petitions were filed requesting an election thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Issuer has requested that this Pointe Coupee Parish Council, as the governing authority of the Issuer, concur in said Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, as the governing authority of Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana that:

Section 1. Pursuant to La. Const art VI, Section 15, the Pointe Coupee Parish Council does hereby approve, ratify and concur in that certain resolution of the Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana adopted on February 23, 2022, annexed hereto.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Unanimously carried.

SUPPORT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SKID STEER AND MAN LIFT FOR THE PARISH

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government is in dire need of purchasing new equipment that is needed to perform the daily maintenance and operations in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government does not have the necessary funds to purchase the equipment: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby supports the Pointe Coupee Parish Government's application and request of funds in the total amount of \$90,000 from the Louisiana Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to fund the purchase of various equipment to include a skid skeet and man lift; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Rick Ward, III and Representative Jeremy LaCombe to support this endeavor.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the parish office will be closed Friday, April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday Holiday.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman