

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
June 14, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday June 14, 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. Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Jimmie Gaspard.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2022 & JUNE 1, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 10, 2022 regular meeting and June 1, 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 RETIREMENT AWARD TO JEROME DUHE

Parish President Major Thibaut announced the presentation of a retirement award to employee Jerome Duhe for 16 years of dedicated service.

4-H PROGRAM RECOGNITION

4-H Agent Sara Rodrigue gave an overview of the 4-H program in the parish. She recognized the grand champion exhibitors in livestock, (Grant Carriere, Ryder Morales and Andi Speights) and shooting sports (Evans Magruder, Madden Pourciau, Abigail Hawkins, Naythan Holmes and Matthew Lorio), who introduced themselves. In closing, she thanked the council for the opportunity to attend the meeting and their continued support of the 4-H program.

Parish President Major Thibaut and Chairman Boudreaux congratulated the students for their accomplishments.

PRESENTATION OF 2021 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTED BY KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

CPA Rob Carter of Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC presented and gave a summary of the 2021 annual audit report for the parish. He reported there were no findings in the report.

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

RESOLVED, That the 2021 annual audit report submitted by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut presented 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 received of \$7,678,426 and total expenditures of \$4,252,142 for the month of May. He applauded Finance Director Tonilyn Guidry and Assistant Finance Director Becky Mayeux for no findings in the audit report and a great job in managing the finances.

Chairman Boudreaux commended the success of the parish and their finances, and thanked all who played a role in the success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, CREATING AND REESTABLISHING A SINGLE 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 THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

Town of Livonia Mayor Rhett Pourciau commented on his objections to the proposed ordinance creating and reestablishing a single board to serve as the governing authority for each of the fire protection districts. He reported that he spoke with the other three mayors in the parish and they are against reestablishing a single board.

Chairman Boudreaux reported on Attorney Henry Olinde assisting the study committee organized to review the ordinance and matters pertaining to reestablishing a single board for the fire districts. He reported Attorney Olinde was unable to attend the meeting to review the additional amendments he made to the ordinance. Chairman Boudreaux asked that this matter be deferred until a later date.

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

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council defer actions until a later date on the proposed ordinance creating and reestablishing a single 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.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 17-60 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

Attorney Dannie Garrett gave an overview of amendments made to the proposed ordinance to enact Section 17-60 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the Telecommunications tower in the parish. He also commented on meetings with representatives from SBA Communications & AT&T Mobility regarding their concerns and suggested amendments to the ordinance. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Parish Council defer actions until a later date on the proposed ordinance to enact Section 17-60 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the Telecommunications tower in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22-19 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS AND BUILDING SETBACK LINES FOR RESIDENTIAL LOTS FRONTING FALSE RIVER

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and building setback lines for residential lots fronting False River, and otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:06 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Thibaut gave a summary and reason for the amendments to the building setback lines for residential lots fronting False River.

There were further discussions by the councilmembers. In closing, Councilman Bergeron voiced his objection to changing the setback lines.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and building setback lines for residential lots fronting False River, and otherwise provide with respect thereto be accepted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Bergeron.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

On a vote of 6-1-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and building setback lines for residential lots fronting False River, and otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted with amendments by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Bergeron.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

On a vote of 6-1-1, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO ADOPTING REDISTRICTING PLAN A AS THE NEW ELECTION DISTRICT PLAN FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2020 CENSUS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to adopting the Reapportionment Plan A to reapportioning single member voting districts for the Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in accordance with the 2020 Census, and otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:22 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Resident Gregory Johnson voiced concerns about the plan, relative to District A.

Chief Demographer Mike Hefner of Geographic Planning & Demographic Services, LLC gave a summary of the reapportionment plan and proposed ordinance. He reported due to the 2020 census, there was a decrease in population in District A, and explained the increase of the minority population to 53%.

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

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to adopting the Reapportionment Plan A to reapportioning single member voting districts for the Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in accordance with the 2020 Census, and otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE
CREATION OF PRECINCTS AND THE DESCRIPTION THEREOF FOR REDISTRICTING
PLAN A

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to provide for the creation of precincts and the description thereof for Reapportionment Plan A for the Parish of Pointe Coupee in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Louisiana Secretary of State, and otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:31 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 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. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to provide for the creation of precincts and the description thereof for Reapportionment Plan A for the Parish of Pointe Coupee in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Louisiana Secretary of State, and otherwise provide with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Bergeron, Bazile, Jarreau, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE(S) FOR 2022

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

RESOLVED, That the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Pointe Coupee:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Parish Tax	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.71 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	3.51 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding)	1.35 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	3.81 mills

Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding)	3.00 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.97 mills
Fire District No. 4	10.91 mills
Fire District No. 5	5.00 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	4.03 mills

;and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2022, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Gaspard.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AGRICULTURAL SALES AND SERVICES LOCATED OFF OF AIRLINE HWY. AT LOTTIE IN SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH & RANGE 8 EAST FOR DARRELL & STEPHANIE FORET

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

RESOLVED, That a special use permit for agricultural sales and services located off of Airline Highway at Lottie in Section 28, Township 6 South & Range 8 East for Darrell & Stephanie Foret be approved.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, SECTIONS 25-1 & 25-6, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO MOBILE HOMES IN THE PARISH. (PUBLIC HEARING JULY 12, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Sections 25-1 & 25-6, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to mobile homes 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, July 12, 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.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE CURRENT PARISH PRECINCT ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MERGER OF CERTAIN QUALIFYING VOTING PRECINCTS & ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.S.18:532.1. (PUBLIC HEARING JULY 5, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance amending the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the current parish precinct ordinance to provide for the merger of certain qualifying voting precincts and assigning polling locations for the Parish of Pointe Coupee in accordance with R.S.18:532.1, 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, July 5, 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):

RECOMMEND NOMINEES TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE CAPITAL AREA GROUND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council recommends the nomination of Messrs. John Lane Ewing, Jr. and Vance J. “Joey” Normand, Jr. to represent Pointe Coupee Parish for one (1) appointment by Governor John Bel Edwards to serve as a member of the Capital Area Ground Water Conservation Commission.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW BID TO M-TRAK FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH 2022 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That the low bid in the amount of \$1,521,774.00 submitted by M-Trak for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Project be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman