

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 24, 2022**

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

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 26, 2022 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.

UPDATE FROM LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES ON THE DRAWDOWN OF FALSE RIVER

Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist & District Manager Brian Heimann gave an update and PowerPoint presentation on the successful results of the drawdown of False River by LDWF that commenced September 2021 thru January 2022. He announced the next drawdown is scheduled for September 2024.

Parish President Major Thibaut thanked Mr. Heimann for his service. He also thanked the LDWF, along with the Sheriff's Office and first responders for their assistance with the tragic boating accident that occurred on False River over the weekend.

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS IN THE PARISH

Chairman Boudreaux commented on the proposed ordinance to amend Section 17-60 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to Telecommunication towers in the parish.

Attorney Dannie Garrett gave an overview of his research and conversations with attorneys for AT&T and SBA Communications about their proposed amendments to the ordinance. He reported an upcoming conference call is scheduled with the attorneys to review the ordinance further, and present recommendations at the council meeting in June. In closing, Attorney Garrett responded to questions from the council.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the proposed adoption of the ordinance will be considered at the council meeting on June 14, 2022.

DISCUSSION OF 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

Chairman Boudreaux discussed the 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. He reported the proposed amendment is to change the side setbacks to 8ft on one side and 5ft on the other side.

There were questions and comments from the councilmembers regarding the setbacks.

Parish President Major Thibaut gave a brief overview and history of past variances being granted.

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Jim Beard commented on this matter, and suggested the council consider creating a separate and additional category for lots on False River.

After further discussion, President Thibaut and his administration, representatives from the Planning & Zoning Commission, council, and others will have a meeting to review and discuss the proposed amendments to the ordinance. Upon their review, recommendations and additional amendments will be presented to the council.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE IV OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO 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

Chairman Boudreaux reported on the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Article IV of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to 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. Chairman Boudreaux reported on additional amendments to the ordinance by Attorney Henry Olinde for consideration of the council, per review and request of the Advisory Study Committee on Fire District Governance.

He presented and reviewed the Pointe Coupee Single Fire Board Feasibility Study Report from the Advisory Study Committee for review of the council, relative to the fire districts in the parish. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

Mrs. Canning commented on the meetings of the advisory study committee, the research and development of the study report, relative to the fire service throughout the parish. She also invited the councilmembers to attend a debriefing meeting Friday, May 27, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the training center at New Roads regarding the boating accident that occurred on False River.

DISCUSSION OF 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

Chairman Boudreaux reported on a 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. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be at the council meeting June 14, 2022.

DISCUSSION OF 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

Chairman Boudreaux reported on 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 Redistricting Plan A. A public hearing and proposed adoption of the ordinance will be at the council meeting June 14, 2022.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DEPARMENT UPDATES

Parish President Thibaut gave updates on the following:

Permits issued in March; repairs to the detention center, advertising for bids to replace the HVAC system at the detention center, upcoming repairs to the courthouse; solid waste and bulky waste collections complaints; False River water level is 15.7; cleanup of derelict structures; CEA with the City of New Roads for the drainage project on Gretchen Street, animal control & shelter; proposed amendments to the Mobile Home Park Ordinance; drainage projects, Pecan Island bridge replacement project, bid opening May 26, 2022 for the roads resurfacing project, and purchasing

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two new tractors for public works; recreation programs, and improvements at False River Park, and events and repairs at multi-use center. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the parish office will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday.

Motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman