

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
September 13, 2022**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday September 13, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9 & 23, 2022 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 9, 2022 regular meeting and August 23, 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.

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, which included total revenues received of \$14,937,313 and total expenditures of \$10,974,440 for the month of August; one resignation; and entering into contracts with the water districts for the parish to perform their billings and collections. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments were waived until the specific agenda items are being discussed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, SECTION 15-9, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, WITH REGARD TO MEDICAL CARE OF INMATES AT THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH JAIL, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Sections 15-9, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, with regard to medical care of inmates at the Pointe Coupee Parish Jail, and otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:42 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Sections 15-9, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, with regard to medical care of inmates at the Pointe Coupee Parish Jail, 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.
On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 15, Sections 15-9, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, with regard to medical care of inmates at the Pointe Coupee Parish Jail, 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. Bergeron, Bazile, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.
On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, SECTION 22-6.1, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Section 22-6.1, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, and otherwise provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:46 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Lawrence Smith obtained clarification about the differences between a mobile home, motor home and RV.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Section 22-6.1, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.
On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22, Section 22-6.1, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions, 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. Bergeron, Bazile, Watkins, Soulier, LaCoste, Gaspard and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.
On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met at 5:55 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or

protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes. Assessor James “Jimmy” Laurent, Jr. reported there were no appeals received.

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

RESOLVED, That the appraisal of assessment of properties, rules and regulations in the parish as presented by the Assessor be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING THE COMBINATION OF LOTS 18 & 19 OF COMEAUX LANE SUBDIVISION INTO LOT 18-A LOCATED IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH & RANGE 9 EAST OFF OF LA HIGHWAY 1 AT MORGANZA FOR THE LIVING WORD OF FAITH MINISTRIES

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

RESOLVED, That a plat showing the combination of Lots 18 & 19 of Comeaux Lane Subdivision into Lot 18-A located in Section 8, Township 4 South & Range 9 East off of LA Highway 1 at Morganza for The Living Word of Faith Ministries be approved.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PLAT SHOWING A SUBDIVISION & EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS OF LOTS H & G THEREBY CREATING NEW LOT H-1 FOR BERGERON REAL ESTATE OF LOUISIANA, LLC AND LOT G-1 FOR ERIC L. DAVID LOCATED IN SECTION 53, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH AND RANGE 10 EAST AT MARINGOUIN

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

RESOLVED, That a plat showing a subdivision & exchange of property between adjacent property owners of Lots H & G thereby creating new Lot H-1 for Bergeron Real Estate of Louisiana, LLC and Lot G-1 for Eric L. David located in Section 53, Township 6 South & Range 10 East at Maringouin be approved.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, SECTION 16-31, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO DERELICT STRUCTURES. (PUBLIC HEARING OCTOBER 11, 2022)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 16, Section 16-31, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, pertaining to derelict structures, 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, October 11, 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):

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish Government:

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PARISH GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH, WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2 OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH AND FALSE RIVER WATER WORKS CORPORATION FOR THE PARISH TO PERFORM BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS FOR THE WATER SYSTEMS

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Government enter into a professional services

contract with Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee Parish, Waterworks District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee Parish and False River Water Works Corporation for the parish to perform billings and collections for the water systems; and be it

RESOVLED further, That Parish President Major Thibaut is hereby authorized to execute the professional services contract with said water districts for Pointe Coupee Parish Government.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Pointe Coupee Parish in accordance with those Standards as delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Pointe Coupee Parish: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period 1 October 2022 through 30 September 2023:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which required load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Correction to data supplies to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

APPEAL THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST TO THE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF UNRELATED PERSONS RESIDING IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN A RURAL AGRICULTURAL (R-AG) ZONING DISTRICT LOCATED IN SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH & RANGE 7 EAST AT 11731 LA HWY 1, LETTSWORTH, LA 70753 FOR BELIEVE THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOME LLC

On behalf of herself and the elderly citizens in the community, Mrs. Carolyn Wells appeared before the council to oppose the variance request and location of a group home at 11731 LA Highway 1 at Lettsworth for Believe Therapeutic Group Home LLC. Mrs. Wells noted she voiced her same concerns at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and is open to finding an alternative location.

In the absence of Attorney John Adcock, Attorney William Most appeared before the council to appeal the Planning & Zoning Commission's denial of a variance request to the limitations on the number of unrelated persons residing in a single family residence in a Rural Agricultural (R-AG) zoning district located in Section 31, Township 1 South & Range 7 East at Lettsworth for Believe Therapeutic Group Home LLC. He explained why the variance request should be granted. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

Attorney Dannie Garrett commented on his review of Mr. Adcock's appeal documents and the Zoning Ordinance, on behalf of the parish council.

After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the appeal of the Planning & Zoning Commission's denial of a variance request to the limitations on the number of unrelated persons residing in a single family residence in a Rural Agricultural (R-AG) zoning district located in Section 31, Township 1 South & Range 7 East at 11731 LA Hwy 1, Lettsworth, LA 70753 for Believe Therapeutic Group Home LLC is hereby denied by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Watkins.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced a preliminary meeting of the new Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners will be held September 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the council meeting room.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman