

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
February 14, 2023

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux extended condolences to the family of Richard Ward, Sr., who passed away. He was the grandfather of Director of Administration Mark Ward.

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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10 & 24, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 10, 2023 regular meeting and January 24, 2023 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 gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: No new hire and one resignation; finances including funds received from Celco, BP LightSource and PILOT payments, and total revenues of \$20,896,600, total expenditures of \$17,467,442 and total excess of revenue of \$2,006,617 as of January 31, 2023; billings/collections for the water districts; major projects being funded by grants; Batchelor and False River Recreation Parks enhancement projects; GUMBO grant for broadband in the parish; public works projects; completion of the Pecan Island Bridge Replacement Project; animal shelter at capacity; PC Rec basketball program & improvement projects; multi-use improvements & upcoming events; detention center improvements; renovations to the courthouse annex building; reduction in solid waste and bulky waste complaints; planning & zoning; and permits issued in January. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT UTILITIES BILLING AND COLLECTIONS POLICY (PUBLIC HEARING 3/14/23)

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, relative to amending and re-adopting the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Utilities Billing and Collections Policy, 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, March 14, 2023 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 TO AMEND SECTION 10-17 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO RE-ESTABLISHING THE DOMICILE OF GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH (PUBLIC HEARING 3/14/23)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 10-17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to re-establishing the domicile of Gas Utility District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee 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, March 14, 2023 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 TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING AND RE-ADOPTING THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL (PUBLIC HEARING 3/14/23)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Section 2-6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending and re-adopting the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Policy Manual, 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, March 14, 2023 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):

APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR FOR LA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING & DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the Pointe Coupee Parish Gas Utility District 1 & 2, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Mr. Nathan Cobb to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Mr. Daryl Pritchard to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

SECTION 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Mr. Nathan Cobb to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that

the appointment of Mr. Daryl Pritchard to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMEND A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON THE CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council recommends the nomination of Ms. Charnell Jackson of Pointe Coupee Parish for one appointment by Governor John Edwards to serve as a member of the Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD).

Unanimously carried.

AWARD THE LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (LCDBG-CV) LOVE LA OUTDOORS PROGRAM PROJECT FOR BATCHELOR & FALSE RIVER PARKS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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

TO AWARD THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CORONAVIRUS (LCDBG-CV) LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS PROGRAM PROJECT

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government was allocated \$750,000.00 through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (LCDBG-CV) Love Louisiana Outdoors; and

WHEREAS, bids were received and publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023 for the Batchelor Park and False River Park Enhancement Project; and

WHEREAS, the low bid for the project was submitted by Ducote Development Group, LLC of Cottonport, LA with a Total Base Bid amount of \$515,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is required to have an active registration in the System Award Management (SAM.gov) and obtain a Unique Identification Number (UEI); and

WHEREAS, the Parish may award the contract contingent on verification of the Contractor’s wage decision and contractor eligibility by the Office of Community Development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, in Regular Session convened, that the Batchelor Park and False River Park Enhancement Project is awarded contingent on verification of the Contractor’s wage decision and contractor eligibility by the Office of Community Development.

Unanimously carried.

AMEND THE PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE PARISH, RELATIVE TO LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

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

TO AMEND THE PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government participates in the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to any Parish’s participation, the procurement procedures as set forth in that program need to be adopted and made a part of the guidelines for procurement procedures for the Parish as it relates to Community Development Block Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has previously adopted procurement policy in place to secure contract services. However, the policy required an update to include Cooperative Purchasing/Intergovernmental Agreements for State and/or local purchase or use common supplies, equipment, or services. Therefore, the policy must be amended accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, in Regular Session convened, that the attached amended Procurement Policy is hereby adopted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PARISH GOVERNMENT AND COASTAL PROTECTION & RESTORATION AUTHORITY (CPRA) FOR THE PC PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1

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

RESOLVED, That Parish President Major Thibaut is hereby authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Louisiana, through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board and Pointe Coupee Parish Government regarding the construction, engineering and design, and supervision and inspection of the Atchafalaya Basin Drainage Improvements Project (AT-0035).

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL FROM PELICAN WASTE FOR FUEL ADJUSTMENT

CEO Roddie Matherne of Pelican Waste & Debris presented a proposal to the council for a fuel adjustment for the collection and disposal of solid waste in the parish, due to the rising cost of fuel.

Parish President Thibaut commented on this matter, along with possibly extending the current contract with Pelican Waste. After discussion, the council will discuss this matter at the executive committee meeting on February 28, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the closure of the parish office February 20 & 21, 2023 in observance of Presidents’ Day and Mardi Gras Holidays.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman