

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
April 11, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Courthouse Annex 2 in the 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 and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard and Paul Bergeron.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2023 MEETING**

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 14, 2023 regular 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:**

**POINTE COUPEE HUMAN SERVICES**

Pointe Coupee Human Services Director Donna Hammond appeared before the council to report on the various services the substance abuse clinic offers to the citizens in and outside the parish. In closing, she responded to questions from the council.

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 10-14, 2023 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

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

**PROCLAMATION  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program has operated since 1974 to provide local governments with the resources required to primarily meet the needs of low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program is among the few remaining federal programs available to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and small cities; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program has provided the State of Louisiana with important and flexible assistance to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents of small cities by funding sewer, water, and street improvements projects, economic development projects, and other public improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish and other local governments have clearly demonstrated the capacity to administer the CDBG Program to identify, prioritize and resolve pressing local problems, such as housing rehabilitation and relocation, neighborhood centers, job creation and retention, and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the nation acknowledge the critical value of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the significant projects that rely on its funds for support; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the week of **April 10 - 14, 2023**, as **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK** in Pointe Coupee Parish and urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and the important role it plays in our community.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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

**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, 2023** 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.

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

**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, 2023 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.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: finances including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax & utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$5,745,618, total expenditures of \$3,587,112 and total excess of revenue of \$2,158,506 as of March 31, 2023; public works projects including Batchelor & FR Park improvements, Richey Street and other drainage projects; 37 dogs & 4 cats at the animal shelter; two new equipment, side boom cutter and excavator; 560 registrations at PC Rec for baseball, new concession and restrooms at PC Rec completed; events scheduled at multi-use; improvements at the detention center; GUMBO broadband grant; solid waste and bulky waste complaints; permits issued in March; planning & zoning; False River 17.6 and three gates open; and replacement of buoys in False River. 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 THE DIVISION OF PRECINCT 4 INTO PRECINCTS 4 & 4A FOR VOTER CONVENIENCE AND THE MERGER OF PRECINCT 4A INTO PRECINCT 3 (PUBLIC HEARING 5/9/23)

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 the division of Precinct 4 into Precincts 4 & 4A for voter convenience and the merger of Precinct 4A into Precinct 3, 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 9, 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 THE 2023 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT AND ADOPTING THE 2023 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PC PARISH GOVERNMENT (PUBLIC HEARING 5/9/23)

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 the 2023 Operating Budget of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government and adopting the 2023 operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, 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 9, 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 AND REENACT ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-20 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEE (PUBLIC HEARING 5/9/23)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article II of Chapter 21, Section 21-20 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solid waste collection and disposal fee, 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 9, 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):

APPROVAL GIVING PARISH PRESIDENT THE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT WITH PELICAN WASTE & DEBRIS

President Thibaut gave a brief overview of the options presented to extend the solid waste contract with Pelican Waste & Debris.

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

RESOLVED, That Parish President Major Thibaut be authorized to extend the solid waste contract with Pelican Waste & Debris for four years with a CPI cap at 2% for 2024, 2025 & 2026, and increase CPI cap to 4% in 2027 for once per week collection at a cost of \$21.50 per household for residential solid waste collection & disposal in the parish, effective January 1, 2024 for rate increase.

Unanimously carried.

President Thibaut assured the council that a provision will be placed in the contract allowing the parish the opportunity to change back to twice per week collection with advance notification to Pelican if needed.

APPROVE SALE OF PC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1'S PROPERTY AT THE PRESENT SITE OF THE INNIS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER TO INNIS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DBA ARBOR FAMILY HEALTH

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

WHEREAS, the Innis Community Health Center dba Arbor Family Health has offered to purchase the hereinafter described property from Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One, which property is the present site of the Innis Community Health Center in Innis, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One and the parish to transfer the said property to Innis Community Health Center dba Arbor Family Health, to aid and assist the health needs of the citizens of the parish.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the immovable property described hereinafter is hereby declared unnecessary for the operations of the hospital service district or any health facility it owns or operates, and further that any sale of the property will be subject to the approval of this Parish Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Carl E. McLemore, M.D., Chairman, is and he is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One, to sell to Innis Community Health Center dba Arbor Family Health for the cash sum of \$139,564.00, which is the total appraised value of the property without improvements, said appraisal being made by Loupe and Associates dated September 1, 2022, the following described property, to wit:

I. A certain tract or parcel of land, together with all rights, ways, privileges, servitudes and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, situated in Section 7, T2S, R8E, and containing 9.8 acres, more or less, and being bounded on the west by Louisiana Highway One (LA 1) and having the depth between parallel lines from Louisiana Highway One (LA 1) to the property of Dr. L. L. Innis, now or formerly. Said property is bounded on the North by the center line of Robertson Avenue, on the East by property of Dr. L. L. Innis, now or formerly, and the west by Louisiana Highway One (LA 1) as shown on a map prepared by Daryl B. Patin dated March 24, 1982. Less and Except that part of the above described property containing 0.201 acres sold to the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board as per act passed on February 22, 1995 and duly recorded in the Conveyance records of the Clerk of Court in and for the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana. Said property described above is subject to those use and building restrictions adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board at its regular meeting of November 17, 1994 and recorded in Conveyance Book 392, Entry 196 of the records of the Clerk of Court in and for the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana. Also Less and Except: A certain tract or parcel of ground designated as Lot 2 on the map entitled "Map Showing Survey of Lots 1, 2 & 3 Being the Subdivision of the Innis High School Lot Located in Section 7, T2S-R8E Southeastern Land District West of the Mississippi River, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana for Pointe Coupee Health Service District" prepared by James H. Chustz, Registered Land Surveyor dated September 19, 2000, and having such dimensions and measurements as shown on said plat, reference being herewith specially made to said plat of survey for greater certainty of description; a certain lot or parcel of land designated as Lot 4 on a plat of survey made by James H. Chustz, Jr., R.P.L.S., dated August 28, 2006, filed and recorded under Entry Number 081 of Conveyance Book 532 and Map Number 992 of Map Book 6, records of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, and having such dimensions and measurements as shown on said plat, reference being herewith specially made to said plat of survey for greater certainty of description; and a certain lot or parcel of land designated as Lot 5 on a plat of survey made by James H. Chustz, Jr., R.P.L.S., dated September 16, 2009, filed and recorded under Entry Number 104 of Conveyance Book 559 and Map Number 74 of Map Book 7, records of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, and having such dimensions and measurements as shown on said plat, reference being herewith specially made to said plat of survey for greater certainty of description.

II. Those certain portions of land situated in Section 7, T2S, R8E, Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, shown on that certain plat of survey made by John W. Able, Registered Land Surveyor, styled "Map of the Extension of Innis Sub-Division" dated August 2, 1952, filed and recorded under Entry Number 272, Conveyance Book 34, and Map Number 421 of Map Book 6, records of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, viz: All of Lafayette Street with the exception of the presently paved portion thereof between La. State Highway 418 and Montgomery Street; All presently unpaved portion of Nicols Avenue, being a parcel of land measuring 50 feet in width by 635 feet in length bounded east by property formerly of F. C. Montgomery, north in part by Lots 11, 23, 24 and 25 of Innis High School Subdivision Addition, in part by Franklin Road (formerly Johnson St.) in part by Lafayette St., and in part by Innis High School lot; and all presently unpaved portion of Robertson Avenue, being a parcel of land measuring 50 feet

in width by 85 feet in length bounded east by Lafayette St. and south by the former Innis High School lot. (See Conveyance Book 490, Entry Number 175.)

Said property will be conveyed “as is” and without any warranties, with the purchaser assuming any and all responsibility for the demolition and/or the repair of the buildings and improvements located on the property, and with possession to be delivered at the time of sale, and the vendor reserving all minerals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said chairman is given full and complete power and authority to make such changes, alterations or amendments in the said instrument as he in his sole and uncontrolled discretion may deem necessary and proper, to sign any and all agreements, ancillary agreements, documents, receipts or instruments that he may deem and believe necessary or proper in connection with the said transaction, to sign all other documents on behalf of the district that may be required, and finally, to do and perform every act in connection therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said chairman is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the district to do any and all other things necessary and appropriate to fully effectuate the purposes of this resolution, as he in his sole discretion may deem necessary and proper, and it is the intention that the authority granted to said chairman be without limit or reservation except as herein specified, and all acts and things done by said chairman in furtherance hereof, including any prior acts, be and the same are hereby ratified and will be binding upon the district.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ATCHAFALAYA TRACE COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Paula Lambert be appointed to serve as a member of the Atchafalaya Trace Commission to represent Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

SUPPORT THE JOHNSON BAYOU WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND FUNDING THE PROJECT THROUGH THE LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE (LWI)

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

A resolution expressing support for the Johnson Bayou Watershed Improvements Project and support for funding the project through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI).

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Gravity Flow Drainage District No. 1 (PCGFDD No. 1) is seeking funding for the proposed Johnson Bayou Watershed Improvements Project in which Johnson Bayou will be restored to its natural conveyance capacity to more effectively convey stormwater, which will reduce flood risk and increase resiliency for the low to moderate income communities in the Johnson Bayou Watershed, who reside north of the Morganza Spillway Upper Guide Levee Structure; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish will directly benefit from the Johnson Bayou Watershed Improvements Project, which will mitigate flood risk to existing residential, commercial, and industrial development, critical infrastructure, historic sites, schools, and public facilities, reduce agricultural losses, and enhance water quality; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated federal funding to be administered by LWI presents an opportunity to fund major features of this critical, regional project; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish is within Region 5 of the LWI regions: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby express their support for the Johnson Bayou Watershed Improvements Project and urge both the LWI Region 5 Steering Committee and the Louisiana Council on Watershed Management to provide funding for the project.

**SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:**

**APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 13761 LA HWY. 416, GLYNN, LOUISIANA FOR THE JOSEPH MANCHESTER ESTATE**

President Thibaut reported that representative of the Joseph Manchester Estate is appealing and requesting a 90-day extension of time for the condemnation and removal of a dangerous abandoned structure located at 12761 LA Highway 416, Glynn, Louisiana. He reported there are two issues, including blighted property and condemnation of the building. Chairman Boudreaux and President Thibaut both confirmed they have begun cleaning the property and need additional time for the building.

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

RESOLVED, That a 90-day extension of time for the condemnation and removal of a dangerous abandoned structure located at 12761 LA Highway 416, Glynn, Louisiana for the Joseph Manchester Estate be granted.

Unanimously carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.**

- April 25, 2023, special meeting of the council will be held following the Executive Committee meeting, relative to adoption of an ordinance amending the geographical boundaries of PC Parish Waterworks District No. 1.
- Date and time for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new concession and restrooms at False River Park will be sent to council.
- Deadline of May 15, 2023, filing of the Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for councilmembers.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman