

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
June 13, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 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 MAY 9 & 23, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 9, 2023 regular meeting and May 23, 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

4-H PROGRAM RECOGNITION

4-H Agent Sara Rodrigue gave an overview of the livestock and shooting sports program in the parish. She recognized the exhibitors of the livestock show Ethan Boudreaux, who won first place showmanship and in his age group, and grand champion of the junior division, and Elise Meche, won grand champion; and shooting sports participants Abigail Hawkins, who qualified for Louisiana State 4-H Shoot, and Matthew Lorio, who advanced to the Nationals 4-H Shoot. She thanked the council for their continued support of the 4-H program and opportunity to attend the meeting.

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

PROJECT UPDATED BY LIGHTSOURCE BP

Senior Project Manager Gary Bauer of Lightsource BP gave updates on the Oxbow Solar Project at Ventress.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: Presented map of new schedule for once per week solid waste collections in the parish, effective July 1, 2023; hired a part-time employee at the animal shelter, and one position available for heavy equipment operator; finances including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$7,594,704 total expenditures of \$7,171,298 and total excess of revenue of \$423,405 as of May 31, 2023; legislative updates and grants awarded to fund various projects in the parish, including municipalities and other agencies in the parish, and thanked Representative Jeremy LaCombe, Senators Caleb Kleinpeter & Stuart Bishop for supporting said fundings; public works projects, including BMG and LeBeau drainage projects, animal shelter at capacity; PC Rec baseball program, improvements at Batchelor & False River Recreation Parks; events at multi-use center; buoy replacements; roadside grass cutting; permits issued in May; improvements at the detention center; submittal for a grant from LA Wildlife & Fisheries between parish and City of New Roads to repair the piers/boat launches along Morrison Parkway. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A. ZONING DISTRICTS OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Appendix A. Zoning Districts of Article III of Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to planning and development in the parish, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:02 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Appendix A. Zoning Districts of Article III of Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to planning and development in the parish, and further 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE I, SECTION 27-3 AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 27-7 OF CHAPTER 27 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SOLAR FARMS IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article I, Section 27-3 and Article II, Section 27-7 of Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solar farms in the parish, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:03 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2023 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. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article I, Section 27-3 and Article II, Section 27-7 of Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solar farms in the parish, and further 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article I, Section 27-3 and Article II, Section 27-7 of Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solar farms in the parish, and further 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. Gaspard, LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 OF THE PC PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS IN THE PARISH. (PUBLIC HEARING 7/11/23)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions 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 11, 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 TO HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT, RELATIVE TO THE LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLEARANCE PROGRAM

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

TO HIRE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT FOR THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLEARANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government intends to participate in the FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Clearance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Parish certifies that it will pay all of the administrative costs associated with the implementation of the Clearance program; such costs will include, but not be limited to application preparation fees, audit fees, advertising and publication fees, local staff time, workshop expenses, and/or administrative consultant fees. These fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed by the LCDBG program for professional administrative services that should otherwise be paid directly by the Office of Community Development.

The amount of the administration fees will be established upon approval of grant application and shall not exceed \$35,000.00. The Parish will assume any additional costs for additional environmental reporting such as asbestos and lead inspections, etc. Payment for these services shall be in accordance with the Parish’s contract with the administrative consultant. Grant administration fees shall be paid in connection with aforementioned application, in the event that the grant is funded: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the administrative consultant selected to administer the LCDBG Clearance Program shall be Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO READOPT THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT, RELATIVE TO THE LA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

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

TO READOPT CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government intends to participate in the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, as the opportunity arises; and

WHEREAS, the Parish previously had a Citizen Participation Plan in place from 2011, which required minor updates; and

WHEREAS, as a prerequisite to any Parish participation, citizen participation procedures as set forth in that program need to be adopted and made a part of the guidelines for involvement by citizens of Pointe Coupee Parish as it relates to Community Development Block Grants: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Citizen Participation Plan is hereby readopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LEGAL FEES RELATIVE TO THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLEARANCE PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Government will be responsible for legal fees associated with the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Clearance Program.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

- June 19, 2023, parish office will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

Motion by Mr. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman