

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

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Charles Watkins and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 13 & 27, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 13, 2023 regular meeting and June 27, 2023 special meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Resolution to adopt properties that have received prior approval for participation in the LA CDBG Grant Clearance Program.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARD TO SAL GENUSA

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an anniversary service award to employee Sal Genusa for 20 years of dedicated service with the parish.

PROCLAMATION - HONORING JOHN BURRELL GARNER FOR CONTRIBUTION TO 1960'S CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

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

**PROCLAMATION  
Honoring John Burrell Garner**

WHEREAS, in 1960, the late John Burrell Garner was a twenty-six-year old law student at Southern University fulfilling a lifelong dream of studying law; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1960, during his tenure as a law student at Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Garner fearlessly joined a sit-in protest at Sitman's Drug Store in downtown Baton Rouge, advocating for racial equality; and

WHEREAS, his courageous stance led to his arrest and subsequent suspension from the Law School without due process of law; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Council honors the bravery and courage that John Burrell Garner displayed by participating in the sit-in to fight for the civil rights of African Americans in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana and around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim and commend **JOHN BURRELL GARNER** for his contributions to the 1960's civil rights movement.

Unanimously carried.

#### PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: Hired new equipment operator, and advertising for a staff accountant; finances including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$8,743,060 total expenditures of \$7,459,234 and total excess of revenue of \$1,283,826 as of June 30, 2023; capital outlay funding awarded to parish to finance various projects; public works projects, animal shelter at capacity; PC Rec have six all-star teams; update on improvements at Batchelor & False River Recreation Parks; master plan for False River Recreation Park and multi-use center; improvements at the detention center; roadside grass cutting; buoy replacements; fire alarm project at courthouse; complaints received about solid waste and bulky waste collections; permits issued in June; invited available councilmembers to attend a meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2023 at Alma Plantation; Nextera Energy hosting public meetings in Livonia July 24 & 25, 2023 regarding a proposed Mondu Solar Project; parish received first opioid settlement check from lawsuit; and update on merger of False River Water Works with PC Parish Waterworks District No. 1, and advertising for interested persons to serve as members of the new board. 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 CHAPTER 22 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SUBDIVISIONS IN THE PARISH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions in the parish, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:55 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Marvin Losavio of 15944 Hwy. 417, Batchelor, Louisiana voiced concerns about the proposed amendments to the ordinance that require families dividing their properties to obtain approval from neighbors and parish, along with required fees.

President Boudreaux reported the amendments to the ordinance allows the parish administrator the authority to approve standard subdivisions of properties without approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend to amend Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions 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, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE(S) FOR 2023

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

RESOLVED, That the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Pointe Coupee:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Parish Tax	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in Town of Livonia	3.42 mills
Parish Tax in City of New Roads	1.71 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance)	3.51 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding)	1.35 mills
Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations)	3.81 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding)	3.00 mills
Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.97 mills
Fire District No. 4 (Maintenance & Operations)	10.91 mills
Fire District No. 4 (Additional Funding)	11.00 mills
Fire District No. 5	5.00 mills
Library Maintenance Tax	4.03 mills

;and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-0-2, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED OFF ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS IN SECTION 107, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH & RANGE 10 EAST FOR TILLMAN INFRASTRUCTURE REPRESENTED BY JASON LILLO BE APPROVED, PENDING MOVING LOCATION 500 FEET AWAY FROM FRONT PROPERTY LINE

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

RESOLVED, That a special use permit for a telecommunications tower off Island Road at Ventress for Tillman Infrastructure represented by Jason Lillo be approved, pending moving location 1,032 feet

away from the road.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-27 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PIERS, WHARVES, BOATHOUSES, BOAT RAMPS, BULKHEADS OR OTHER WORKS OVER FALSE RIVER (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 8, 2023)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 6, Section 6-27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to piers, wharves, boathouses, boat ramps, bulkheads or other work over False River, 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, August 8, 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.

Parish President Thibaut gave an explanation and reason the amendments are being made to the above titled ordinance, and requested any input from councilmembers prior to the public hearing.

RESOLUTION(S):

ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTED BY KOLDER, SLAVEN & COMPANY, LLC

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

RESOLVED, That the 2022 annual audit report submitted by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW BID TO M-TRAK, LLC FOR LEBEAU STREET DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (PROJECT NO. 16) & AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED, That the low bid in the amount of \$615,875.00 submitted by M-Trak, LLC for Project 16 - LeBeau Street Drainage Improvements, LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery, be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Parish President Major Thibaut, on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, be authorized to sign the contract agreement and all necessary documents for said project.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT PROPERTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LA CDBG GRANT CLEARANCE PROGRAM

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

**TO ADOPT PROPERTIES THAT HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CLEARANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government intends to submit an application to participate in the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Clearance Program; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Government states that the property owners have voluntarily submitted in writing their desire to participate in the LCDBG Clearance Program: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the attached list is considered the final list of prior approved properties for the LCDBG Clearance Program and are to be included in the parish's application for funding.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO LRS 42:17(A)(2) IN REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- a. Hains v. Pointe Coupee Parish Government, Civil Action No. 22-CV-00835, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana;
- b. Believe TFH, LLC vs. Pointe Coupee Parish, Civil Action No. 23-CV-408, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana;
- c. Luke J. Grezaffi vs. Paul Bryan Carroll, et al, Case No. 49886, Div. D, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana; and
- d. Victor Guillory vs. Pointe Coupee Parish Government, Case No. 51269, Div. A, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana.

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

RESOLVED, That the parish council convened in executive session at 6:13 p.m. to discuss pending litigations.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Watkins and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the parish council exited executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman