

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
October 10, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Administrative Assistant Sharoneca Lockett 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 SEPTEMBER 12 & 26, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 12, 2023 regular meeting and September 26, 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:

PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS TO MICHAEL TENNEY & DALE MAYEUX

Parish President Major Thibaut presented an anniversary service award to employee Dale Mayeux for 20 years of dedicated service with the parish. He also recognized Michael Tenney, who was absent, for 15 years of service.

PROCLAMATION - DECLARING OCTOBER 22, 2023 AS MELANIE "MISS MEL" BUECHE DAY

Councilman Jarreau read a prepared statement paying tribute to the late Mrs. Melanie "Miss Mel" Bueche, who served on the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for 27 years and as President for 12 years. He had the pleasure of serving with her on the jury for over 10 years, and commended her for the public service she gave to the citizens and parish.

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

**PROCLAMATION
Melanie Ann "Miss Mel" Lorio Bueche Day**

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Melanie Ann "Miss Mel" Lorio Bueche; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Melanie Ann "Miss Mel" Lorio Bueche has rendered 27 years of public service to the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Melanie Ann "Miss Mel" Lorio Bueche served as the Police Juror of District 6, Parish of Pointe Coupee for nearly 22 years from January 1, 1996 through November 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, she served as President of the Police Jury for 12 years and will be remembered

for her many accomplishments, the many lives she has touched, and the full-time commitment she gave to Pointe Coupee Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim **October 22, 2023** as **MELANIE ANN “MISS MEL” LORIO BUECHE DAY** in Pointe Coupee Parish and do hereby encourage all citizens to remember the mission of this noble humanitarian, and to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating thereof.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: presented a financial report including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees, total revenues, total expenditures and total excess of revenue as of September 30, 2023; no new hired and one resignation; public works projects, bridge repairs and the Bergeron bridge replacement near completion; animal shelter; PC Rec improvements at False River and Batchelor Parks; events scheduled in October at multi-use center; improvements at the detention center; roadside grass cutting; courthouse & courthouse annex improvements; permits & licenses issued in September; planning & zoning; and complaints received about solid waste and bulky waste collections.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

RESCIND CERTAIN MILLAGE RATE(S)

In response to Councilman Jarreau, Chairman Boudreaux reported Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 and Pointe Coupee Parish Library are asking that their millage rate(s) be rescinded and readopt with an increase.

Assessor Jimmy Laurent gave an overview of a spreadsheet he presented regarding the fire district and library requests for increases in their millage rate(s), because of a proposed reduction in revenues, due Kirby Barge Line leaving the parish.

Fire District No. 1 Chief Cary Manuel reported on the need to increase the millage rate(s) to continue operations and providing services in the district.

Library Director Melissa Hymel reported on the need to increase the millage rate(s) for the library, and voiced concerns about the impact not increasing the millage rate(s) would have on all the libraries in the parish.

After further discussion by council, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council defer action on rescinding the 2023 millage rate(s) adopted for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 and Pointe Coupee Parish Library for one week at a special meeting of the council.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE(S) FOR 2023

No action was taken on this matter.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVAL OF PARISH ALLOWING CAFA TO OFFER THEIR BOND PROGRAMS IN ADDITION TO CURRENT GRANT PROGRAMS TO CITIZENS LOOKING TO PURCHASE HOMES IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH

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

**CERTIFICATE OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated _____, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; these bonds shall not be used for PILOT programs or any multifamily development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on August 17, 2023, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of the Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is Parish President Major Thibaut; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit “A”** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on September 8, 2023, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on September 8, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on September 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference with a toll-free number 1-888-475-4499 and guest access code 994-030-3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Parish President Major Thibaut, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVD, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council does hereby certify that the Parish President, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves, and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The approving representative, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PERMIT APPLICATION FOR MONDU SOLAR PROJECT (NEXTERA ENERGY)

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

RESOLVED, That the permit application for Mondu Solar Project in the parish for NextEra Energy be approved.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 8-0-0, the motion carried.

SET TRICK-OR-TREAT DATE & HOURS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the hours for trick-or-treat be set from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 in the rural areas of the parish for children 12 years old and under.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 6:4e p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman