

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
October 17, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 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.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

RESCIND CERTAIN MILLAGE RATE(S)

Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Chief Cary Manuel presented and gave an overview of the proposed 2024 budget for the fire district. He commented on the reduction of revenues, due to Kirby Barge Line leaving the parish, which is the reason for rescinding their millage rate(s) and readopting an increase in rates to increase revenues for 2024. In closing, Chief Manuel and Fire Board of Commissioner Bob Allen, representing District No. 1, responded to questions from councilmembers.

Ms. Sylvia Williams of 8957 Heronway, New Roads asked questions about the proposed budget of Fire District No. 1.

After a lengthy discussion, the following resolutions were offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the 2023 millage rate(s) adopted for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 not be rescinded.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That the following millage(s) are hereby rescinded on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Pointe Coupee:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
Fire District No. 1 (Acquisition & Maintenance)	3.51 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	2.99 mills

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, Jarreau and Bazile.

NAYS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 3-5-0-0, the substitute motion failed.

Library Director Melissa Hymel reported on the need to increase the millage rate to fund the libraries throughout the parish, who also loss revenues because Kirby Barge Line left the parish. After further

discussion, the following resolutions were offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the following millage is hereby rescinded on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Parish of Pointe Coupee:

MILLAGE

Library Maintenance Tax 4.03 mills

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Gaspard.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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

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

MILLAGE

Library Maintenance Tax 5.00 mills

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

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

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

MILLAGE

Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance) 3.51 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations) 2.99 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 rescind said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023; and be it

RESOLVED further, 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:

MILLAGE

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)	6.01 mills
Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations)	5.49 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	5.00 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: Mr. Watkins.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Gerrie Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman