

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
October 24, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 6-27.1, OF CHAPTER 6 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES IN REGARDS TO THE REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES ALONG FALSE RIVER; TO REQUIRE PERMITS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Article III, Section 6-27.1, of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances in regards to the regulation of construction of structures along False River; to require permits in connection therewith, and to further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:32 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux and Attorney Dannie Garrett commented on the amendments to the ordinance as it relates to the length of piers along False River and permitting.

Parish President Major Thibaut suggested adding a variance request process regarding length of piers in the ordinance. After further discussion with Attorney Garrett, the council agreed to include this amendment in the ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend Article III, Section 6-27.1, of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances in regards to the regulation of construction of structures along False River; to require permits in connection therewith, 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, 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. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Article III, Section 6-27.1, of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances in regards to the regulation of construction of structures along False River; to require permits in connection therewith, 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PARISH’S PERFORMANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE FY2021 LCDBG PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH PARKS

A hearing to obtain public input was conducted at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana concerning the Parish’s performance of the activities funded under the FY2021 LA Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus Love Louisiana Outdoors Program (LCDBG-CV LLOP), and to notify the public that the Parish intends to file documents to close out the project.

Executive Assistant Jeanne Hendrix to the Parish President, gave an overview of the projects and reported the Parish received grant funds totaling \$750,000.00 that was used to upgrade the existing False River Recreation Park located in New Roads, and to construct a new park in Batchelor. She reported the Parish intends to submit closeout documents to the State by November 3, 2023.

The public hearing was closed, and there were no objections received orally or written to this matter.

DISCUSSION OF PARISH BRIDGE POLICY

President Thibaut deferred discussion to Public Works Director Nathan Cobb, who gave an overview of the need to develop a policy for bridges in the parish. He presented a draft and reviewed the proposed bridge policy for the parish.

Attorney Stephen Jewell gave an overview of legal views and categories of the policy and responded to questions from council.

RESOLUTION - APPROVAL OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR NEXTERA ENERGY

President Thibaut gave an overview of the agreement and the PILOT Program payment scheduled for NextEra Energy for the Mondu Solar Project near Livonia in the parish. After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

A RESOLUTION BY THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA, INC. AND MONDU SOLAR, LLC

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government (the "*Parish Government*") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "*State*"); and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Development Board of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, Inc. (the "*IDB*"), a separate and independent political subdivision of the State created by the Parish Government, is considering entering into a Payment in Lieu of Taxes transaction with Mondu Solar, LLC ("*Mondu Solar*"), which would incentivize Mondu Solar to construct within Pointe

Coupee Parish (the "*Parish*") a solar power generation facility with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$230,000,000 (the "*Project*").

WHEREAS, after considering the basic terms of the potential Payment in Lieu of Taxes transaction with Mondu Solar, LLC as presented to the Parish Council of the Parish Government (the "*Governing Authority*"), the Governing Authority determines that encouraging the location of the Project within Pointe Coupee Parish will generate positive, long-term and sustainable economic benefits for the Parish and have a positive impact on Parish residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Government wishes to express its support for the Project and encourage the IDB to approve of the transaction with Mondu Solar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE PARISH GOVERNMENT, THAT:

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined that the aforementioned Project involving Mondu Solar, LLC, is desirable to be located within the Parish to generate positive, long-term and sustainable economic benefits for the Parish and have a positive impact on Parish residents and businesses and, therefore, the Parish Government supports, and encourages the IDB to approve and enter into, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes transaction with Mondu Solar, LLC.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately on the 24th day of October, 2023.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCoste, Gaspard, 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. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Gerrie Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman