

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 26, 2023

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council Executive Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, 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 Lockette 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.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2023 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 22, 2023 meeting of the Executive Committee be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF AND OVERVIEW OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, RELATIVE TO THE MONDU SOLAR PROJECT (NEXTERA)

Mr. Marty Graham of 8182 Morganza Highway, Morganza, LA voiced concerns against the parish giving tax breaks to NextEra regarding the proposed Mondu Solar Project in the parish, and that landowners be allowed to do whatever they want with their land.

Mr. Lawrence Smith of 8485 Mandela Drive, New Roads, LA commented on the difference between a tax break and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Program.

Parish President Major Thibaut commented on the PILOT Program for NextEra regarding the proposed Mondu Solar Project. He invited citizens to attend a meeting in his office on September 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss and learn more info regarding said program.

Attorneys Troy Villa and Tracy Morganti of Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLP, representing the Industrial Development Board (IDB) of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, gave a detailed overview of the PILOT Program regarding the Mondu Solar Project in the parish. They reported the program will create revenues to the parish for 15 years. In closing, they responded to questions from the council.

Chairman Boudreaux commented that the IDB has the final approval of the PILOT Program for the solar project and not the council. The council is only responsible for approving the permit.

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS IN THE PARISH

The councilmembers discussed complaints from citizens about once a week collection of solid waste in the parish, and wanting to return to twice a week.

The council discussed returning to twice a week collection of solid waste in the parish, and the need to introduce an ordinance to increase the rate to \$26.00 monthly per each household, effective January 1, 2024.

Ms. Gert Hawkins of P. O. Box 403, Morganza, LA commented that once a week collection of solid waste poses safety and health issues, and in favor of twice a week collection.

After discussion, the council agreed to introduced an ordinance at their October meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PIER, WHARVES, BOATHOUSE, BOAT RAMPS, BULKHEADS OR OTHER WORKS ON FALSE RIVER

Attorney Dannie Garrett reported on amending the verbiage in the ordinance, relative to pier, wharves, boathouse, boat ramps, bulkheads or other works on False River where damaged pre-existing structures are grandfathered.

Chairman Boudreaux suggested amending the ordinance to include pier length based upon the average pier length of adjacent owners, which would not apply to seawalls. Also, include language that the council would be allowed to approve certain circumstances.

Councilman Bergeron suggested not extending pier175ft from the no wake zone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman