

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
January 24, 2012**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at the Courthouse Annex in New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. John Pourciau, Allen Monk, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Russell Young, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Albert Dukes, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Mr. Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche, President.

ABSENT: Mr. Clifford Nelson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2012, be accepted as written and be published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION-EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR MR. QUINTIN GUSTIN AND MRS. CARMELENA BUECHE

Juror Pourciau yielded to Juror Monk, who presented an expression of sympathy resolution to his mother and family of Mr. Quintin Gustin, who was a retired Registrar of Voters and educator in the parish. Juror Olinde presented an expression of sympathy resolution to the family of Mrs. Carmelena Bueche.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Quintin L. Gustin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Quintin L. Gustin was a lifelong resident of Morganza and Pointe Coupee Parish for 86 years; and

WHEREAS, he was a retired educator and principal with the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, he served 20 years as the Registrar of Voters in Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Carmelena Brocato Bueche; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carmelena Brocato Bueche was a native of Port Hudson and a resident of Jarreau and Pointe Coupee Parish for 89 years; and

WHEREAS, she was the widow of the late Mr. Denis Bueche, a former member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, their presence will be sadly missed by their family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Mr. Quintin L. Gustin and Mrs. Carmelena Brocato Bueche this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

15 MINUTE OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments received about items on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTION OF PRECINCT BOUNDARIES

A public hearing to obtain input from citizens concerning an ordinance for a technical change by moving one census block from precinct 8B to 8A following reapportionment in the parish and to further provide with respect thereto was held at 5:10 p.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana. There being no objections received by the public, the following ordinance was approved by the Jury:

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

AN ORDINANCE

FOR A TECHNICAL CHANGE BY MOVING ONE CENSUS
BLOCK FROM PRECINCT 8B TO 8A FOLLOWING
REAPPORTIONMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee in regular session, duly convened, in keeping with the authority granted by applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and in order to affect reapportionment of its voting districts following the 2010 Census, that it does hereby enact an Ordinance for a technical change between Precinct 8A and 8B in order to comply with RS 13:2612, which refers to the alignment of the Justice of the Peace Courts and the Parish Police Jury Districts.

Census Block 22077951003068 shall be removed from Precinct 8B and placed in Precinct 8A.

The visible boundaries of the corrected precincts are hereby described as:

Precinct 8A: Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of St. Augustine Street and St. Joseph Street, then proceed westerly along the centerline of St. Augustine Street to the centerline of New Roads Street; then southerly to the centerline of 13th Street; then westerly to the centerline of St. Mary Street; then southerly to the centerline of Parent Street; then westerly to the centerline of Poydras Street; then southerly to the centerline of Union Pacific Railroad track; then northwesterly to the centerline of Portage Canal No. 1; then northeasterly to the centerline of an unnamed waterway; then northerly and southeasterly to the centerline of LA Hwy. 1; then southerly to the centerline of Portage Canal No. 1; then westerly to the centerline of St. Joseph Street; then southerly to the centerline of St. Augustine Street and the point of beginning.

Precinct 8B: Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of St. Augustine Street and St. Joseph Street, proceed northerly to the centerline of Portage Canal No. 1; then easterly to the centerline of LA Hwy. 10; then southerly and southwesterly to the centerline of St. Augustine Street; then westerly to the centerline of St. Joseph Street and the point of beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the TECHNICAL CHANGE in the Precincts established shall be effective with the receipt of the preclearance letter from the US Department of Justice, for all purposes.

SECTION 1. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. If any section, part, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance should be declared invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or defect shall not affect the remaining sections,

paragraphs, parts, sentences, or clauses hereof and, to this end, the several provisions hereof are declared to be severable.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the results thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Pourciau, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Young, Cox, Cline, A. Dukes, Mrs. Vosburg, Mr. Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Nelson.

On a vote of 11-0-1, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 OF THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD ARTICLE III, SECTION 19-22 PERMIT & SURETY BOND FOR ACCESS TO PARISH ROADS

Motion by C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance has been introduced before the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Police Jury 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.

AN ORDINANCE

To amend Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to roads and bridges, to require permits and security for the use of parish roads in instances of heavy trucks and equipment and to further provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, it is becoming more costly to maintain parish roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, one of the reasons for such cost is damage caused by heavy vehicles, equipment and loads; and

WHEREAS, it is equitable to require those who cause the most damage to be responsible for the maintenance and repair.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, is hereby amended and re-ordained by adding a new Article thereto to read as follows:

“ARTICLE III. USE OF PARISH ROADS BY HEAVY VEHICLES

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Sec. 19-16. Use of roads by heavy vehicles; permits; permit fees; security

(a) Individuals and Entities desiring to access parish roads, which are defined as those roads accepted into the parishwide system of road and bridge management, with heavy equipment, or equipment determined by the Police Jury that would cause damages to parish roads, shall first seek and obtain a permit from the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, and shall post a surety bond in favor of Pointe Coupee Parish in order to access parish roads.

(b) Individuals or entities seeking such permits shall apply therefor to the parish department

of public works. This permit shall be purchased at a cost of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per site from which access will occur. Additionally, applicants shall submit with the application a surety bond in favor of Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for each access site in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

(c) Heavy Equipment is defined as any equipment greater than twenty-five thousand pounds (25,000 lbs.) in total weight, including cargo.

(d) Farming operations shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section.

SECTION 2. If any section, part, paragraph, sentence or clause of this ordinance should be declared invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or defect shall not affect the remaining sections, paragraphs, parts, sentences, or clauses hereof and, to this end, the several provisions hereof are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Unanimously carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES TO CONSIDER NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL NETTING SEASON ON FALSE RIVER

Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello reported on correspondence received from LA Wildlife & Fisheries requesting a letter of support from the Jury to consider a notice of intent to establish a commercial netting season on False River.

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury submits a letter of support to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to consider a notice of intent to establish a commercial netting season on False River.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury resume rentals of the Scott Civic Center, effective immediately.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Allen Monk, Albert Dukes and Glenn Cline be appointed to serve as members of the Selection Review Committee for review of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Request for Proposals (RFP) for state and federal projects.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS--APPROVE INVOICES FROM PEC, CIVIL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, INC. & HUNT, GUILLOT & ASSOCIATES FOR LRA--CDBG IKE/GUSTAV DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM; PEC FOR CWF ISLAND ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 & ACCEPT CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION; ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FOR LEGONIER HWY. 1 GATEWAY PROJECT; APPOINT A MEMBER TO WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD & PORT COMMISSION

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Young:

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$20,184.60 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program (Master Drainage Plan) be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$10,837.50 submitted by Civil Design & Construction, Inc. for professional services for the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program (Morganza Sewer Pond Levee Rehab) be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That invoices (Interim Billing No. 21) totaling \$3,962.78 from Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for professional services for the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, that an invoice in the amount of \$25,641.00, pay estimate No. 1, submitted by Neal Construction Company for the CWF Island Road Water Main Extension be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the CWF Island Road Water Main Extension be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$772.42 submitted by Environmental Resources Management for professional services for the Legonier LA Highway 1 Gateway Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the necessary documents approving the above invoices and Certificate of Substantial Completion; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. Ray Jarreau be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 for a two-year term; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. John Goode be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Port Commission for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for the LRA--CDBG Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Program - Town of Livonia Civic Center Improvements (Pavilion at Glaser Park) have been completed and the Architect reports that the project is now ready for advertisement of bids: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury hereby authorized Mougeot Architecture to advertise for bids for said project; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the bids are to be received at the office of the Police Jury at the date and time established by the Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL

The minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held January 17, 2012, were given to each Juror for

their review.

At the request of Juror A. Dukes, Chairman Cox gave an explanation of why the committee recommended President Bueche send him a letter and discussions of incidents that occurred warranted the letter. He also reported the committee discussed the importance and needs to change policies and procedures for the Jury and develop structures for employees to address future incidents.

Juror A. Dukes voiced his displeasure about the actions taken and recommendations of the committee toward him to be reprimanded by the Jury. He stated that Recreation Director Sal Genusa approached him after the last Jury meeting, and he did not approach Mr. Genusa.

Juror C. Dukes informed the Jury Ms. Sheri Hunter, who resides in his district, attended the Personnel meeting in December to only give a report on the incident that occurred in November at the Recreation Park.

President Bueche reminded Jurors that the Jury is a legislative body, therefore, when criminal charges are filed or possible litigations occurred they are advised to refer these issues to the District Attorney's Office. She also stated that as Jurors they have a responsibility to prevent a hostile environment for employees, and they should not interfere with the daily operations and tell employees in the administrative office what to do.

Juror A. Dukes stated that if he is the only Juror to receive a letter from the President, then he will personally sue every Juror for slander, if there is no proof presented that he did anything wrong because he requests documents from employees.

Parish Administrator Bello stressed to the Jury that he has always treated Juror A. Dukes with respect and assistance, and never denied him any reasonable requests. Mr. Bello voiced concerns about him and some employees being subjected to constant interference and demands in the day to day operations by Juror A. Dukes.

Juror Vosburg stressed that the operation of the business and the Jury administrative office is very important, and no Juror should act alone or dictate and subject employees to a hostile environment, the Jury should act as a group.

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the January 4, 2012 Personnel Committee be accepted to include an amendment that all employees will use the time clock daily, excluding department heads; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the recommendation from Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello, that no further action is warranted concerning an incident between Recreation Director Sal Genusa and Juror Albert Dukes be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That President Melanie Bueche be authorized to execute a letter to Juror Albert Dukes reminding him of his duties and that he should refrain from directing the daily operations by employees; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Jury supports the Parish Administrator in executing authority to address issues as such and to prevent access to the Jury employees or area by anyone that is acting outside of a policy or statute of the Jury or State; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Recreation Director and the Parish Administrator have the authority to initially have anyone removed from parish property as deemed necessary to uphold the safety and peace of the citizens, and the Parish Administrator shall have the authority to prevent further access by the said individual if the future safety of the citizens are in question should the person return; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Secretary Gerrie Martin be allowed to type the Police Jury minutes

at her home the day after a Police Jury meeting; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Police Jury lift the hiring freeze to advertise for an Animal Control Officer.

Substitute motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by _____:

RESOLVED, That it be removed that President Melanie Bueche be authorized to execute a letter to Juror Albert Dukes reminding him of his duties and that he should refrain from directing the daily operations by employees; and it be removed that the Jury supports the Parish Administrator in executing authority to address issues as such and to prevent access to the Jury employees or area by anyone that is acting outside of a policy or statute of the Jury or State; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Recreation Director Sal Genusa be terminated from employment with the Police Jury.

The substitute motion died, due to lack of a second.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Jarreau, Pourciau, Monk, Olinde, Young and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: Mr. A. Dukes.

PRESENT,

NOT VOTING: Mr. C. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. Nelson.

On a vote of 9-1-1-1, the motion carried.

President Bueche presented the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Monk:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury supports and appreciate the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury's employees, who are the backbone of their organization, and appreciate all they do for the Jury.

Unanimously carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on the Pointe Coupee Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held January 12, 2012. Copies of the minutes were mailed to each Juror for their review.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the subdivision of Lot A-1, Lot B-1 & Lot C-1 (formerly Joseph Horace Major Estate Riverbank Lot) into Lot A-1-A, Lot B-1-A & Lot C-1-A located in Section 106, T4S & R10E at Ventress for Craig Gosserand be approved, pending a side line variance from 8' to 5', due to the hardship of the river property value; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the subdivision of the Linda H. Hollimon (formerly Lynn Hubble Tract) into Tract A & Tract B for Linda H. Hollimon located in Section 97, T4S & R10E and Sections 19 & 20, T5S & R10E at Ventress for Linda H. Hollimon be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and

Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the survey of exchange between Lot C & D of the R. O. Beauvais, Jr. Estate into Lots C1 & D1 for Michael Beauvais located in Section 93, T4S & R8E at Morganza for Michael Beauvais be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the removal of Lot 72 from the originally designated commercial & multi-family area located in Section 101, T5S & R10E at Jarreau for Antoine Ewing Langlois, Island Woods Subdivision First Filing, be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the subdivision of Tract NP-1-B-2-B, Tract NP-1-B-2-A, and the Stacie Myers Tract into Tract NP-1-B-2-B-1, Tract NP-1-B-2-A-1, Tract SM-1, Tract SM-2 & Tract SM-3 (formerly Norman Pourciau) for Stacie Myers located in Section 101, T4S & R10E at Jarreau for Stacie Mayers be approved, pending a rear line variance from 25' to 10' due to the pre-existing narrow tract of land on Tract SM-1 & SM-2, and reduction of the minimum square feet based on the State allowance for small lots on Tract SM-2; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the subdivision of Tract 10-E-1 into Tract 10-E-1-A, Tract 10-E-1-B, Tract 10-E-1-C and Tract 10-E-1-D (Unit 10 of Oakland Plantation - Sing Jarreau Heirs) located in Section 41, T6S & R10E at Lakeland for Kerry & Jennifer Daigle be approved, pending a rear line variance from 25' to 10', due to the narrow pre-existing tract of land, a clause stating the property is for rental purposes only and the 30' private passage of servitude extend 60' into Tract 10-E-1-D; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plats for Craig Gosserand, Linda H. Hollimon, Michael Beauvais, Antoine Ewing Langlois, Stacie Myers and Kerry & Jennifer Daigle; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission, that a \$150 Subdivision Application fee be charged to cover the expense of publishing and administration fees for the Public Hearing Notice and the surveyors present proof of recordings with the Clerk of Court, effective March 1, 2012.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Cline, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President

