

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
January 23, 2024**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Council Clerk Gerrie Martin 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.

RESOLUTION – ADOPTION OF PARISH MITIGATION PLAN

OEP Director Mark Ward reported on the need for the parish to update their Mitigation Plan every five years.

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Pointe Coupee Parish from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Pointe Coupee Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the Home Rule Charter, the Pointe Coupee Parish Council does hereby adopt the Pointe Coupee Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN CENSUS TRACT & BLOCK GROUPS AS ENTERPRISE ZONES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY LA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OEP Director Ward gave a brief update regarding the request for designation of certain census tract and block groups as Enterprise Zones in the parish.

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

REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN CENSUS TRACT
BLOCK GROUPS ENUMERATED BELOW AS ENTERPRISE ZONES,
FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM
ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 51:1784, pertaining to the Enterprise Zone Program, includes a provision that data from the most recent federal decennial census shall be applied in determining areas qualified for designation as enterprise zones; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development designates the below enumerated tracts as Enterprise Zone eligible based upon the 2020 federal decennial census; and

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 51:1785, pertaining to the Enterprise Zone Program, includes a provision that the Louisiana Department of Economic Development shall only designate eligible block groups as Enterprise Zone if the local governing authority agree to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Pointe Coupee Parish Council wishes to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

SECTION 2. Pointe Coupee Parish Council agrees to assist the Department in evaluating progress made in any Enterprise Zone within its jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Pointe Coupee Parish Council wishes to designate the following as Enterprise Zones:

Census Tract	Block Group
9519	1
9519	2
9520	2
9521	1
9524	3

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - AWARD LOW BID FOR THE COURTHOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT &
AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT AGREEMENT & NECESSARY
DOCUMENTS

Parish President Major Thibaut reported on two bids received for the Courthouse Restoration Project, and presented a summary report detailing the work being performed to the courthouse. He recommended award to the lowest bidder, Vella Builders, LLC.

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

RESOLVED, That the low base bid in the amount of \$3,748,000.00, Alternate No. 1 for \$26,000.00, Alternate No. 2 for \$125,000.00 and Alternate No. 3 for \$28,000.00 submitted by Vella Builders, LLC for the Courthouse Restoration Project, Louisiana Facility Planning Project No. 50-J39-21-01 be accepted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, the contract to be awarded pending concurrence of Facility Planning and Control and the Pointe Coupee Parish Government commitment to fund the project until completion; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Parish President Major Thibaut, on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, be authorized to sign the contract agreement and all necessary documents for said project.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the regular council meeting will be held February 27, 2024, due to the Mardi Gras Holiday on February 13, 2024. There will be no executive committee meeting in February.

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Gerrie Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman