

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
May 9, 2023**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 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, Charles Watkins, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Edwin Soulier and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 11 & 25, 2023 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 11, 2023 regular meeting and April 25, 2023 special meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

4-H PROGRAM RECOGNITION

4-H Agent Sara Rodrigue gave an overview of the 4-H program in the parish. She recognized the participants of the Junior AG Leadership Program (Zoie Thibaut, Emma Duvall, Elise Meche and Abigail Hawkins), and regional commodity cookery contestants (Isaac Duvall, who won first place parish & second place regional levels, Belen Frech and Micah Denova), who introduced themselves. She thanked the council for their continued support of the 4-H program and opportunity to attend the meeting.

Parish President Major Thibaut and Chairman Boudreaux congratulated the students for their accomplishments. President Thibaut presented each student with a lapel pin of the parish.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and PowerPoint presentation on the following: one position available for heavy equipment operator; finances including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$6,636,423, total expenditures of \$5,031,004 and total excess of revenue of \$1,605,420 as of April 30, 2023; public works projects including Richey Street, BMG and LeBeau drainage projects; 42 dogs & 4 cats at the animal shelter; new equipment; PC Rec baseball program, improvements at Batchelor & False River Recreation Parks; events at multi-use center; GUMBO broadband grant; improvements at the detention center; capital outlay projects; watershed initiative program; buoy replacements; roadside grass cutting; permits issued in April; planning & zoning; water sector program; and CPRA funding for the PC Parish Gravity Drainage District. In closing, he responded to questions from council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE DIVISION OF PRECINCT 4 INTO PRECINCTS 4 & 4A FOR VOTER CONVENIENCE AND THE MERGER OF

PRECINCT 4A INTO PRECINCT 3, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the division of Precinct 4 into Precincts 4 & 4A for voter convenience and the merger of Precinct 4A into Precinct 3, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:57 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the division of Precinct 4 into Precincts 4 & 4A for voter convenience and the merger of Precinct 4A into Precinct 3, and further provide with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Soulier and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE 2023 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE PC PARISH GOVERNMENT AND ADOPT THE 2023 OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PC PARISH GOVERNMENT, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the 2023 operating budget of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, and adopt the 2023 operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:59 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the 2023 operating budget of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, and adopt the 2023 operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, and further provide with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Soulier and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 21, SECTION 21-20, OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEE, AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article II of Chapter 21, Section 21-20, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solid waste

collection and disposal fee, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

President Thibaut announced the once-per-week collection will begin in July.

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

RESOLVED, That an amendment to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article II of Chapter 21, Section 21-20, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solid waste collection and disposal fee, 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, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Soulier and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Article II of Chapter 21, Section 21-20, of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to solid waste collection and disposal fee, 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, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Soulier and Jarreau.

On a vote of 6-0-2, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVE THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000 OF WATER REVENUE BONDS OF WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

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

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$2,500,000 of Water Revenue Bonds of Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and providing for other matters relating thereto.

**WHEREAS**, Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the "District"), by resolution adopted on May 8, 2023 (the "District Resolution"), proposes to issue not exceeding \$2,500,000 of Water Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds"), to bear interest at a rate of not exceeding seven per centum (7%) per annum and mature not later than thirty (30) years from their date of issuance, for the purposes set forth in the District Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council to approve the issuance of the Bonds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$2,500,000 of Water Revenue Bonds of the District.

SECTION 2. Neither the Parish nor this Parish Council shall be liable in any manner for the payment of the Bonds.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2022 AUDIT

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

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with the LA Legislative Auditor for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2021 Audit Engagement be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH AS REQUIRED BY LA R.S. 43:141 AND LA R.S. 43:142, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023.

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of The Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the parish as required by LA R.S. 43:141 & LA R.S. 43:142, effective July 1, 2023 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL:

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PARISH JOINING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF LOUISIANA IN LITIGATION AGAINST FEMA TO CHALLENGE RISK RATING 2.0

President Thibaut discussed the Attorney General filing a lawsuit, along with some of the southern parishes, against FEMA to challenge their Risk Rating 2.0 regarding flood insurance, and inquired whether the parish wants to join in litigation against FEMA. He suggested Administrator Mark Ward provide the council with statistics and data about this matter at their next meeting.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION ABOUT THE OPERATION OF WAKE BOATS IN FALSE RIVER

On behalf of Councilman Soulier, Chairman Boudreaux discussed concerns about the operation and safety of wake boats in False River. He reported on needing approval of legislation allowing the parish to regulate types of water crafts operating on state waterways.

President Thibaut reported the filing of bills in the legislation for this session has expired, and Representative Jeremy LaCombe will file a resolution asking LA Wildlife & Fisheries and LA Department of Natural Resources to conduct a study on the wake boats in waterways. Upon completion of the study, filing of legislation may be considered in 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

- May 23, 2023, special meeting of the council will be held following the Executive Committee meeting to approve an amendment to the ordinance for telecommunication towers in the parish.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman