

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
March 12, 2024**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 27, 2024 regular 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.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and presented a written financial report on the following: finances including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$4,159,235, total expenditures of \$1,963,735 and total excess revenues over expenditures of \$2,195,500 as of February 29, 2024; OEP Director Mark Ward last day is March 14, 2024, and employed Mr. Butch Browning is as Interim OEP Director until the position is permanently filled, who will begin March 15, 2024; aerial mosquito spraying will begin tonight. In closing, he responded to questions from councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE - PROPOSED SALES TAX FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Chairman Boudreaux announced the district attorney was unable to attend meeting.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVAL OF A RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY FOR JAMES THIBAUT

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

RESOLVED, That a plat for the resubdivision of property located in Section 26, Township 5 South and Range 9 East on Mary Louise Street at Livonia for James Thibaut be approved, pending revisions to include 45ft. public servitude of passage and drainage are placed on the plat.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD BID FOR THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE I PROJECT #AT-0035

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

RESOLVED, That the low base bid in the amount of \$250,000.00, Alternate #1 for \$15,000.00 and Alternate #2 for \$17,000.00, totaling \$282,000.00, submitted by Moreau Construction Company for the Atchafalaya Basin Drainage Improvements - Phase I Project #AT-0035 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 1 be accepted; 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.

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN THE ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT

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

**ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT PARTICIPATION**

Authorizing participation in the Acadiana Watershed District, as codified by Louisiana Act 323. The Acadiana Watershed District shall be domiciled in Lafayette Parish as a central location within the boundaries of the Acadiana Watershed District. Pointe Coupee Parish designates the Acadiana Planning Commission as the office of the Acadiana Watershed District's business operations and as the public fiscal agent and administering body to conduct daily operations as stated in Louisiana Act 323. Pointe Coupee Parish will assist in adopting the administrative steps to establish the Acadiana Watershed District Board of Commissioners and the bylaws of the District.

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was formed to promote drainage and flood-risk reduction within the boundaries of the district; to promote and support a unified effort to address drainage and flood issues in the region in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District has the responsibility to identify local public sources of revenue for project funding, watershed programming, and local match requirements for the provision of drainage and flood risk reduction projects; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was established to cooperate with local, state, and federal entities engaged in planning and construction of drainage and flood reduction and mitigation projects in the state and region; and to cooperate with local and state entities engaged in establishing best practice development standards for flood-risk reduction and mitigation in the region; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing coordination embraces outreach with local communities to build support for regional watershed management approaches, located within and outside of the district, that can more effectively address mounting water risks within the district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, coordination among Pointe Coupee Parish and its district partners within the Acadiana Watershed District is critical to reducing flood risks and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of Pointe Coupee Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission is hereby designated as the public fiscal agent and administering entity for the Acadiana Watershed District and whose office shall serve as the domicile for the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acadiana Watershed District will enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Acadiana Planning Commission for the purpose of Pointe Coupee Parish becoming a full participant and member of the Acadiana Watershed

District and designating the Acadiana Planning Commission as the administrator for the Acadiana Watershed District.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION--APPROVING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000,000 OF REVENUE BONDS OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

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

A resolution approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of Revenue Bonds of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, and other matters relating thereto.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupe Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District") by resolution adopted on March 4, 2024, proposes to issue not exceeding \$3,000,000 of Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds will bear interest at a rate of not exceeding 7% per annum and shall mature over a period not exceeding twenty years. The Bonds will be issued for the purpose of (i) acquiring and constructing fire protection facilities, including vehicles and equipment therefor, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued under the authority of Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, to approve the issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, 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 Governing Authority of the District, this Parish Council hereby approves the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$3,000,000 of Revenue Bonds of the District, said Bonds to be issued under the authority and for the purposes stated in the preamble hereto.

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

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.

ABSENT: None.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman