

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
February 28, 2012**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 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, Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Russell Young, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Mmes Janet Vosburg and Melanie Bueche, President.

ABSENT: Messrs. Albert Dukes and Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2012, be accepted as written and be published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STUDENTS ASHLYN FABRE (LIVONIA HS), CAMILLE LABATUT & EMILY SPUSTEK (CATHOLIC OF PC) ACCEPTANCE INTO THE LA SCHOOL OF MATH, SCIENCE & THE ARTS

President Bueche and the Police Jury acknowledged and congratulated students Mmes Ashlyn Fabre (Livonia High School & daughter of Captian Shane Fabre), Camille Labatut and Emily Spustek (Catholic High of Pointe Coupee) for their acceptance into the LA School of Math, Science & the Arts at Natchitoches.

Juror C. Dukes commented on his sister, Attorney Tameica Dukes, being listed on the hall of fame wall at the LA School of Math, Science & the Arts and congratulated the above students on their acceptance.

APPOINTMENTS OF JURORS TO COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

President Bueche appointed Jurors Justin Cox, Janet Vosburg, Allen Monk, Clifford Nelson & Cornell Dukes as members of a committee to review the Animal Control Ordinance. A meeting was scheduled Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Juror Pourciau thanked and congratulated Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 (Morganza) for successfully obtaining a new fire rating from a five to four.

PUBLIC HEARING--AMEND SECTION 21-22 OF CHAPTER 21 OF THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FROM \$14.50 TO \$18.00 FOR COLLECTION & DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

A public hearing to obtain input from citizens concerning an ordinance to amend Section 21-22 of Chapter 21 of the Parish Code of Ordinances to increase the monthly service charge from \$14.50 to \$18.00 for collection & disposal of solid waste and to further provide with respect thereto was held at 5:14 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Bueche commented on the \$3.50 service charge increase and gave a comparison between our parish and Iberville Parish \$21.21 for twice a week collection, West Baton Rouge Parish \$19.49 for twice a week collection & \$25 deposit, City of Port Allen \$19.49 for twice a week collection and Livingston Parish \$23.33 per cart for once a week collection.

Juror C. Dukes commented that even though the CPI will increase, our parish will still be cheaper than the above surrounding parishes.

Juror Vosburg stated that the Police Jury hates to increase fees, but it is necessary to maintain the services.

There were no objections received orally nor written.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendment to Section 21-22 of Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee to increase from \$14.50 to \$18.00 the monthly service charge for solid waste collection and disposal in the parish be adopted.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, Olinde, C. Dukes, Young, Cox, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: Messrs. Monk and Cline.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Jarreau.

On a vote of 8-2-2, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE CHARGE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE PARISH NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BY THIRTEEN & ONE-HALF (13.5) CENTS PER MCF OVER THE CURRENT CHARGE

A public hearing to obtain input from citizens concerning an ordinance to increase the charge to customers of the parish natural gas distribution system by thirteen and one-half (13.5) cents per mcf over the current charge and to further provide with respect thereto was held at 5:20 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

There were no objections received orally nor written.

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

RESOLVED, That an ordinance to increase the charge to customers of the parish natural gas distribution system by thirteen and one-half (13.5) cents per mcf over the current charge in the parish be adopted.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Jarreau.

On a vote of 10-0-2, the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 19 OF THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD ARTICLE III, SECTION 19-22 PERMIT & PROOF OF INSURANCE FOR ACCESS TO PARISH ROADS

As per actions of the Jury at their last meeting, President Bueche commented on the Public Works Committee's review of an ordinance to amend Chapter 19 of the Parish Code of Ordinances to add Article III, Section 19-22 permit and proof of insurance for access to parish roads. President Bueche commented on the proposed amendments to the ordinance for adoption by the Jury. There were no objections received orally nor written.

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

RESOLVED, That the amendment to Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of

Pointe Coupee to add Article III, Section 19-22 permit and proof of insurance for access to parish roads in instances of heavy trucks and equipment in the parish be adopted.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Young, Cox, Cline, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. A. Dukes and Jarreau.

On a vote of 10-0-2, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH (B) OF SECTION 22-32 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO THE LAND SUBDIVISION PROVISIONS BY DECREASING THE MINIMUM LOT WIDTHS AND SIZES

Juror Vosburg presented the following introduction of an ordinance to amend paragraph (b) of Section 22-32 of Chapter 22 of the Parish Code of Ordinances to the land subdivision provisions by decreasing the minimum lot widths and sizes:

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

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, March 13, 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

Amending the land subdivision provisions by decreasing the minimum lot widths and sizes, and further providing with respect thereto.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of Section 22-32 of Chapter 22 of the code of ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, is hereby amended and re-ordained to read as follows:

“Sec. 22-32. Blocks and lots.

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(b) The lot size, width, shape and orientation and minimum building setback lines shall conform to the following:

Development Type	Minimum Building Setback (Feet)			Minimum Lot Width At Building Setback (Feet)	Minimum Lot Area (Square Feet)
	Front	Side	Rear		
Single-family detached with approved sewer system	25	8	25	50	6,000
Single-family detached with individual sewer system	25	8*	25	60	12,000
Town houses	None**	5	20	20	1,440

*See section 22-36(4).

**See section 22-33(b)(1).

Lot size, width area and building setback lines shall conform to the state sanitary code, which will prevail in all cases where it is more stringent.

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Section 2. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof, be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PC COUNCIL ON AGING TO OPPOSE THE CONSOLIDATION OF ALL ELDERLY PROGRAMS INTO A SEPARATE OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS AND REMAIN UNDER THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Pointe Coupee Council on Aging Director Becky Bergeron presented the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury emphatically opposes the consolidation of all elderly programs into a separate office within the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH); and

WHEREAS, the following represents a general statement of the basis for the Jury’s opposition:

1. There is no more efficient mechanism for providing social services to the elderly in this state than the existing community based, locally operated aging services network under the Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA). GOEA currently provides vital services annually to over 125,500 unique individuals at an administrative cost of approximately three million dollars.
2. The consolidation proposed by DHH will have the contrary effect to the streamlining and consolidation desired by the state. The DHH proposal will, in effect, “in-source” services from outside the state government, and unnecessarily bring those administrative functions into an already bloated DHH agency.
3. To accomplish the “streamlining” desired, the social services currently provided by the Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS), should be consolidated into the GOEA. The GOEA currently administers the Aging and Disability Resource Centers, which operate as the Single Point of Entry for elderly and disabled adults. These centers provide access, information, referral, assistance and assess all home and community based services, including those currently provided by OAAS and does so more effectively and efficiently at a fraction of the cost: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury finds that it is imperative that GOEA remains under the Office of the Governor or that a cabinet position be created for the Office of Elderly Affairs; and consolidate all non-medical home and community based services and waivers for elderly and adults with disabilities under the GOEA for administration at the local level through the Aging Services Network.

Unanimously carried.

AWARDBIDFOR LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (NEW RECREATION PAVILION AT GLASER PARK) FOR LRA--CDBG IKE/GUSTAV DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

Parish Administrator Bello informed the Jury that the two bids received today have been taken under advisement for further review because they exceeded the amount budgeted.

ACCEPTANCE OF \$11,375.00 GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LA DOTD FOR PAVEMENT DEFECT INVESTIGATION; AND \$125,000.00 GRANT AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH LA DOTD FOR AIRFIELD DRAINAGE REHABILITATION FOR FALSE RIVER REGIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Manager Yvonne Chenevert of False River Regional Airport presented the following resolutions for approval of the Jury:

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the False River Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from LA DOTD for Pavement Defect Investigation; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide up to \$11,375.00 of the necessary funding: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, to execute an Agreement for improvements to the False River Regional Airport identified as State Project No. H.009907, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto.

Unanimously carried.

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

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the False River Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD for the Airfield Drainage Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the state project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Airfield Drainage Rehabilitation and reimburse the sponsor up to \$125,000.00 of project cost: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, to execute an Agreement for the project identified as State Project No. H.009387, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF APPRAISAL FROM GULF SOUTH APPRAISAL FOR OFFICE BUILDINGS AT MORGANZA

Parish Administrator Bello discussed the proposal submitted by Gulf South Appraisal, LLC in the amount of \$4,500.00 per building for a total cost of \$9,000.00 to appraise the two (2) buildings at Morganza, owned by Mr. Brad Bergeron and being leased by the Jury for the Sheriff's Office. After discussions, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That a letter be sent to Mr. Brad Bergeron to advise him that the Jury is not interested in purchasing his two (2) buildings at Morganza and that the Jury desires to continue leasing the buildings.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION--DECLARE MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

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

**PROCLAMATION
American Red Cross Month 2012**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Pointe Coupee Parish, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in Pointe Coupee Parish, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times - which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police

Jury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and do hereby urge all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Unanimously carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LOTTIE POST OFFICE

Juror Cox reported that the Lottie Post Office is in jeopardy of being closed, because of reductions by the US Postal Service and requested approval of the Jury to send a letter of support for the Lottie Post Office to remain open.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury sends a letter of support to the US Postal Service to request the Lottie Post Office remains open and not be consolidated and relocated with the Livonia Post Office.

Unanimously carried.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM ON LA HIGHWAY 10 & 420

Parish Administrator Bello and Public Works Director Robillard reported on the actions being taken to resolve the drainage problem on LA Highway 10 and 420 at New Roads.

PLEASANT VIEW COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Hillery Williams, owner of the Pleasant View Community Water System, asked the Jury to assume ownership of the water system.

Mrs. Gail Hurst, a resident of Pleasant View Subdivision, informed the Jury that the City of New Roads has lines extended into the subdivision and is willing to assume ownership of the water system if a letter is received from the board for the Pleasant View Community Water System.

After discussions, Juror Nelson, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, and Juror Young, who represent the subdivision, agreed to schedule a meeting with the residents in the subdivision on March 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the water system.

AUTHORIZE PEC TO PROCEED WITH VISITING JURORS' DISTRICTS TO OBTAIN A LIST OF ROADS TO PREPARE THE PHASE 11 ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM

President Bueche requested approval of the Jury to authorize PEC to proceed with visiting Jurors' districts to obtain a list of roads to prepare the Phase 11 Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program.

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to proceed with meeting with each Juror to obtain a list of roads to prepare the Phase 11 Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Mark Tizano of Providence Technical Services gave an update on the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Roof Repair Program. He reported 120 homeowners will have their roof repaired, and presented a list of contractors that will be performing the construction that should commence in April.

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal submitted by Elite Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$6,851.40 to install an audio system in the courthouse is accepted.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Old Ferry Landing be placed under the authority of the Pointe Coupee Parish Port Commission.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a letter of no objections be issued to Seismic Exchange, Inc. to perform a seismic shoot in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That invoices in the amount of \$7,280.00 and \$48,365.00 submitted by Gulf GeoExchange & Consulting Services, Inc. for services rendered for the Lighting Retrofit project to be paid by the LA Department of Natural Resources Energy Grant be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

The Jury denied a request from Ms. Marie A. Minix for alleged damages to the windshield on her car by debris from a parish dump truck.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLVED, That First Baptist Church be authorized use of the courthouse grounds for the Louisiana Baptist Convention Prayer Rally on Monday, April 2, 2012.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,010.52 submitted by Environmental Resources Management for professional services for the Legonier Highway 1 Gateway Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$4,500.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for the Master Drainage Plan for the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$194,272.15 submitted by Chustz Electric, LLC for professional services for the Facility Generators for the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That invoices (Interim Billing No. 22) totaling \$4,103.84 from Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for professional services for the LRA--CDBG Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting held February 16, 2012, were mailed to each Juror for their review.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, the plat showing the survey of Tract CV-1 being a portion of the Joan C. Geagan Property for M-V Resources, LLC located in Section 15, T4S & R8E at Morganza for M-V Resources, LLC be approved, pending a 15' utility servitude along the front of the property; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, the plat showing the subdivision of Lot C-1-A (Formerly Joseph Horace Major Estate Riverbank Lot) into Lot C-1-A-1 and Lot C-1-A-2 located in Section 106, T4S & R10E at Ventress for Craig Gosserand be approved, pending a sideline variance for both Lot C-1-A-1 and Lot C-1-A-2 from 8' to 5', due to the frontage being less than 60' and the plat show that Craig Gosserand owns the property on both sides of the above-mentioned lots; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, 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, T5S & R10E at Jarreau for Stacie Myers be approved, pending a variance on Tract NP-1-B-2-B-1, Tract SM-2, and Tract NP-1-B-1, due to the tracts being less than 25,000 sq. ft. and a building line variance on Tract SM-2 and Tract SM-3 from 25' to 10', due to the hardship of the pre-existing long property with an existing paved road; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, the plat showing the subdivision of the M. J. Chustz False River Lot (Formerly Morris Olinde) into Lot A and Lot B located in Section 101, T5S & R10E at Jarreau for Mr. M. J. Chustz be approved, pending a sideline variance from 8' to 5'; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plat for M-V Resources, LLC, Craig Gosserand, Stacie Myers and M. J. Chustz; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Subdivision Ordinance be amended to change the single family detached with approved sewer system and minimum Lot width at building setback (feet) from 60' to 50'; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Subdivision Ordinance be amended to change the single family detached with individual sewer system and minimum lot area (square feet) from 25,000 sq. ft. to 12,000 sq. ft.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Monk, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President