

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
September 10, 2024**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10, 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, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Sidney LaCoste, Kurt Jarreau and Edward Bazile.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2024 MEETING**

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of August 13, 2024 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:**

**PROCLAMATION - DECLARING OCTOBER AS DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**PROCLAMATION  
DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as, but not limited to: respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, bone marrow production, and temperature control; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia affects people of any age, gender, race or background, negatively impacting over 70 million people around the world, including many individuals living right here in our wonderful state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there are 15 different forms of dysautonomia that include Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (commonly known as POTS), just to list a few, and people who have been diagnosed with some form of dysautonomia often have secondary conditions such as: Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can be very disabling and is a life changing diagnosis; this chronic illness can result in the inability to work or attend school, may cause social isolation, depression and/or anxiety, and it's not just physically affecting people, it's an emotionally and financially draining ailment as well, and extremely stressful on the families of those impacted; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia Louisiana Inc. is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia and those individuals suffering from its symptoms and still struggling for a diagnosis. Their goal is to bring much needed awareness to the community and information to the medical professionals across Louisiana, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients obtain an earlier diagnosis and treatment plan, save lives, and

foster support for individuals and families already coping with dysautonomia in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **October, 2024** as **DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to celebrate and bring awareness of Dysautonomia.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Major Thibaut gave updates and reported on the following: presented a written financial report including sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utilities collections and permits fees; total revenues of \$12,273,319, total expenditures of \$11,674,195 and total excess revenues over expenditures of \$599,124 as of August 31, 2024; hired two new employees in the Utilities Collection Department; master plan for PC Rec; Tropical Storm Francine and recognized Director of Operations/OHSEP Stephen Dabadie, who gave a brief overview of the storm and parish being well prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4-2 OF CHAPTER 4 - ANIMAL CONTROL & KEEPING OF FOWL, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 4-2 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & keeping of fowl, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:40 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Section 4-2 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & keeping of fowl, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto be tabled by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4-15 OF CHAPTER 4 - ANIMAL CONTROL & CITATION AND ADJUDICATION, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 4-15 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & citation and adjudication, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:42 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2024 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. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Section 4-15 of Chapter 4 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to animal control & citation and adjudication, and otherwise to 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, Soulier, Watkins, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste, Jarreau and Bazile.

On a vote of 5-0-3, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22-19 OF CHAPTER 22 - SUBDIVISIONS AND RESUBDIVISION OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and resubdivision of residential lots, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:43 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Councilman Bergeron gave a brief overview of the amendments made to the proposed ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to the proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and resubdivision of residential lots, and otherwise to 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, Soulier, Watkins, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste, Jarreau and Bazile.

On a vote of 5-0-3, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Section 22-19 of Chapter 22 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to subdivisions and resubdivision of residential lots, and otherwise to 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, Soulier, Watkins, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste, Jarreau and Bazile.

On a vote of 5-0-3, the motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met at 5:47 p.m. as a Board of Review to hear complaints and/or protests as to the value of property for parish assessment purposes. There were no appeals received.

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

RESOLVED, That the appraisal of assessment of properties, rules and regulations in the parish as presented by the Assessor be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE PLAT FOR RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY (LOTS 8 & 9 INTO LOT 9-A) FOR BEAU MAJOR IN WEST RIVERLAKE SUBDIVISION AT OSCAR, LA

Motion b Mr. Boudreaux and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That the plat showing the resubdivision of property, Lots 8 & 9 into Lot 9-A, in West Riverlake Subdivision located in Section 70, Township 5 South and Range 10 East, David Road, Oscar, Louisiana for Beau Major be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program managed Through Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish Government:

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

6. That the Parish President is authorized to sign and submit financial activity reports on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Pointe Coupee Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Pointe Coupee Parish: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings;
3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which required load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD RFP FOR DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING SERVICES IN THE PARISH TO ROSTAN SOLUTIONS, LLC & AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED, That the award of the Request for Proposals for disaster debris monitoring services in the parish to Rostan Solutions, LLC be approved; 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - DISCUSSION OF LITIGATIONS (1) AMY HAINS VS. POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT, CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:22-CV-00835, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA; (2) LUKE J. GREZAFFI VS. PAUL BRYAN CARROLL, ET AL, CASE NO. 49886, DIVISION D, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

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

RESOLVED, That the parish council convened in executive session at 5:52 p.m. to discuss the litigations (1) Amy Hains vs. Pointe Coupee Parish Government, Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00835, United States District Court for Middle District of Louisiana; (2) Luke J. Grezaffi vs. Paul Bryan Carroll, et al, Case No. 49886, Division D, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, Soulier, Watkins, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste, Jarreau and Bazile.

On a vote of 5-0-3, the motion carried.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED, That the parish council exited executive session at 6:22 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman