

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
February 11, 2025**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 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 JANUARY 14 & 28, 2025 MEETINGS

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of January 14, 2024 regular meeting and January 28, 2025 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.

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 \$2,182,724, total expenditures of \$1,459,867 and total excess of revenue of \$722,856 as of January 31, 2025; one new employee hired & advertising for a director of economic development for the parish; various projects being advertised for bids. In closing, he responded to questions from the council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE:

UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN FOR PARISH BY CPEX

Urban Design Manager David Whitley of Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX) gave a PowerPoint presentation and updates on developing the Pointe Coupee Parish Master Plan. He commented on the tour of the parish, and two workshops held to obtain input from various agencies and citizens in the parish regarding the proposed plan.

President Thibaut gave closing remarks regarding the master plan.

UPDATE FROM ACADIAN AMBULANCE

Director of Operations Porter Taylor of Acadian Ambulance gave an update on the ambulance service being provided in the parish. He reported two ambulances are located in the parish with the addition of unit hours from Livonia to Lettsworth, and efforts being made to continually improve services in the parish.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS 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 to approve an ad valorem tax exemption for first responders, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:54 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. LaCoste:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances to approve an ad valorem tax exemption for first responders, 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, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, SECTION 25-3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING MOBILE HOME REGULATIONS AND THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Section 25-3 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances regarding mobile home regulations, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:55 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025 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. Soulier and seconded by Mr. Gaspard:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 25, Section 25-3 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances regarding mobile home regulations, 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, Soulier, Watkins, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

RESOLUTION(S):

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO PC PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Curtis Peter Fremin, Jr. (District A) be appointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Scott Deviller be appointed a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District No. 1 Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. William Vercher until December 31, 2025.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE & SUPPORT PC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 SALE OF PROPERTY TO PC COUNCIL ON AGING

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging desires to purchase the hereinafter described property from Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One, which property is contiguous to the property of the Council on Aging on Memorial Boulevard in New Roads, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Council on Aging and the parish for the Council on Aging to acquire the said property from the Health Services District, to aid and assist the senior citizens of the parish.

BE IT RESOLVED that the immovable property described hereinafter is hereby declared unnecessary for the operations of the Health Service District or any health facility it owns or operates, and further that any sale of the property will be subject to the approval of the Parish Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carl E. McLemore, M.D., Chairman, is and he is hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Health Services District, to sell to Council on Aging for the cash sum of \$60,000.00, which is the total appraised value of the property, said appraisal being made by Bill Kipf, SRA, Real Estate Appraiser, dated January 17, 2025, the following described property, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the City of New Roads, the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, and which said lot is fully shown and designated as Tract PF-1-B-1, (4.00 Acres), on the official plat of survey of made by Julian A. Chustz, Professional Land Surveyor, entitled, "Plat showing the subdivision of Tract PF-1-A and PF-1-B into Tract PF-1-A-1 & Tract PF-1-B-1, being a portion of Tract 1-A of Poydras Farms, LLC located in Section 46 & 47, T 4 S - R 10 E, Southeastern Land District, West of the Mississippi River Louisiana, Meridian Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana for Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services", and having such dimensions and measurements as shown on said plat, reference being herewith specially made to said plat of survey for greater certainty of description. Less and Except: Tract PF-1-B, (3.00 Acres), on the official plat of survey of made by Julian A. Chustz, Professional Land Surveyor, dated August 22, 2022, entitled, "Plat showing the subdivision of Tract PF-1 into, Tract PF-1-A & Tract PF-1-B, being a portion of Tract 1-A of Poydras Farms, LLC located in Section 46 & 47, T 4 S - R 10 E, Southeastern Land District, West of the Mississippi River Louisiana, Meridian Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana for Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services", filed and recorded under Map Book 8, Map Number 284.

The Health Services District will reserve all mineral rights affecting said property, said sale will be made with full warranty of title with possession to be delivered at the time of sale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby approves and supports Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One in the sale of the property to the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging.

Unanimously carried.

SUPPORT PREPARATION & SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARISH

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government is in dire need of purchasing new equipment that is needed to perform the daily maintenance and operations in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government does not have the necessary funds to purchase the equipment: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Council hereby supports the Pointe Coupee Parish Government’s application and request of funds in the total amount of \$155,000.00 from the Louisiana Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to fund the purchase of various equipment to include two lawn mowers for maintaining parish property, an excavator and excavator equipment for maintaining parish drainage systems.

Unanimously carried.

SUPPORT PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER SYSTEM FOR PC WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2

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

A resolution to support preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development is accepting applications for funding through the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements for submission of an application for funding under this program requires a resolution of support from the parish governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to submit an application for the benefit of the citizens of the Parish and Waterworks District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee for proposed continued water distribution improvements: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Parish President and Council of Pointe Coupee acting as the governing authority of said Parish does hereby support the preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Office of Community Development, Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF).

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS:

APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 12393 CLAY STREET, NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA FOR JAMES RAYMOND CELESTINE

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. James Raymond Celestine be granted a 90-day extension for the condemnation and removal of an abandoned structure (mobile home) located at 12393 Clay Street, New Roads, Louisiana (Parcel #00632865).

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman