

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**June 12, 2012**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 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, Russell Young, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Albert Dukes, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Mr. Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche, President.

ABSENT: Mr. Cornell Dukes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2012, be accepted as written and be published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

REMOVAL OF ITEM 13 FROM THE AGENDA

Juror Cox read a prepared statement giving an explanation as to why Item 13 should be removed from the agenda and concluded it wasn't based upon new information. He stated the fact that the sale of scrap materials is under investigation by the LA Attorney General he suggested waiting until the investigation is completed and the Jury can discuss the findings.

Juror A. Dukes stated that he had not heard or received the information that was released by Treasurer Becky Mayeux prior to receiving it on May 23, 2012, and that it was the first time he had seen or heard about the information.

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

RESOLVED, That Item 13: Based upon new information received from Treasurer Becky Mayeux, approval to place the parish administrator on administrative leave until an internal investigation is completed on the sale of scrap materials be removed from the agenda.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. A. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. C. Dukes.

On a vote of 10-1-1, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR GLENN MORGAN

Juror Vosburg presented an expression of sympathy resolution to the family of Mr. Glenn Morgan.

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Glenn Charles Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Glenn Charles Morgan was a native and resident of New Roads and Pointe Coupee Parish for 70 years; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted architect for more than 31 years and provided architectural

services to the Police Jury and had many accomplishments and contributions to the Parish of Pointe Coupee; and

WHEREAS, his presence will be sadly missed by his family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Mr. Glenn Charles Morgan this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OIL & GAS LEASE WITH ANGELLE & DONOHUE OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES, INC. FOR PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE JURY

Mr. Andre Dubois of Angelle & Donohue Oil and Gas Properties, Inc. requested approval of the Jury to advertise for bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease of properties owned by the Jury in Sections 17 and 18, T6S and R7E in the spillway north of Missouri Pacific Railroad between Juror's Districts 2 and 11.

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury advertise for and receive bids in accordance with law for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering mineral rights owned by the Parish of Pointe Coupee comprising of 24.42 acres, more or less, more specifically described in the June 6, 2012 letter of application for an oil, gas and mineral lease made by Angelle & Donohue Oil & Gas Properties, Inc. to the Parish of Pointe Coupee and Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the lease will be on the official State Agency lease form prescribed by the Louisiana Office of Mineral Resources (State Mineral Board) and made subject to the requirements of said Board pertaining to the leasing of lands by state agencies; and be it

RESOLVED further, That said advertisement to appear in the official parish and state journals as required by law.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT GRANT FROM LA DOTD FOR OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL RUNWAY 18 APPROACH-PHASE 2 AT FALSE RIVER REGIONAL AIRPORT

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

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

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 obstruction removal in the runway 18 approach area at the airport; and

WHEREAS, 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 reimburse the sponsor up to \$75,000.00 of the actual costs of obstruction removal in the runway 18 approach area at the False River Regional Airport: 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 at the False River Regional Airport identified as State Project No. H.008972, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto.

Unanimously carried.

#### UPDATE ON LRA--CDBG HOUSING PROGRAM

Mr. Mark Tizano of Providence Technical Services gave an update on the Housing Rehabilitation Program for the CDBG--LRA Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program. He informed the Jury there are 137 eligible homeowners who will have their roof repaired. He reported on the bids received and commencing with 33 projects once the contracts are signed. He commented on starting the next phase of bids in July.

Parish Administrator Bello commented on the need to set up a separate account for the LRA--CDBG Housing Program to disburse payments to contractors in a timely manner.

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

RESOLVED, That Treasurer Becky Mayeux be authorized to set up a special checking account for the LRA--CDBG Housing Program for the disbursement of payments to contractors.

Unanimously carried.

#### PARISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Chairman Roosevelt Gremillion of the Pointe Coupee Parish Democratic Executive Committee asked Jurors to submit names of a representative from each district to serve as members of this committee for appointment by the State Democratic Executive Committee, excluding Districts 6 & 7, who are currently represented. The committee will consist of 12 appointed members and four at-large members.

#### POLICE JURY'S COMMITTEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

President Bueche read a statement about her appointment of Jurors to the various committees of the Police Jury and chairmen of committees. She voiced concerns about the constant interference of Juror Albert Dukes in the day-to-day operations of the Police Jury and feels the need to protect the interest of the employees. In closing, President Bueche removed Juror A. Dukes as chairman and member of various committees.

In response to President Bueche, Juror A. Dukes stated that as a Juror, representing District 7, he is entitled to any information concerning the Jury, and information has been withheld from him. He stated he felt bullied by President Bueche at the last meeting when she left her seat and stood in front of him and pointed her finger at him, was an example of a political bully.

President Bueche stated she got out of her seat because where she is seated, she could not look him in the eye. She removed him from the committees because of his constant harassment of employees and interference in the day-to-day operations.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES

Juror Cox asked that consideration be given when setting times of committee's meetings after working

hours, instead of early morning or during the middle of the day, due to the fact that some Jurors have full-time jobs.

President Bueche asked that Juror Cox's concerns be taken in consideration when setting times of committee's meetings.

REQUEST FORMAL ADVICE AND DIRECTION FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OUR LABOR ATTORNEY AND LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR ON HOW TO PROTECT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE JURY FROM HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND INTERFERENCE BY A JUROR

Juror Cox presented the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

WHEREAS, this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury recognizes and supports the necessity of its elected members to conduct the duties for which they are elected; and

WHEREAS, this Jury, however, considers that inappropriate treatment of employees, improper daily direction of employees' activities and other such activities as not being among such duties and, instead, improper; and

WHEREAS, this Jury has received complaints from its employees to the effect that Juror Albert Dukes has attempted to direct their daily activities, has given conflicting or unsanctioned orders, has made false accusations against employees, and has publicly and privately threatened their job status; and

WHEREAS, this Jury has directed its president to instruct Juror Albert Dukes to cease such inappropriate behavior but he has ignored such and continues such activities; and

WHEREAS, such activities threaten the good work environment of Jury employees and need to cease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury that requests be forwarded to the District Attorney, Attorney General, Legislative Auditor and Louisiana Board of Ethics for advice as to what legal measures can be employed by this Jury to protect its employees from the abovementioned behavior by its members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the District Attorney, Attorney General, Legislative Auditor and Louisiana Board of Ethics.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. A. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. C. Dukes.

On a vote of 10-1-1, the motion carried.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MOUGEOT ARCHITECTURE FOR COMPLETION OF ARCHITECTURE SERVICES FOR BUILDINGS FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute a contract agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and Mougéot Architecture, LLC for architecture services for construction of buildings for the Sheriff's Office and Workforce Development on Court Street at New Roads.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE 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, 2012

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER as the official journal of the parish, as required by La. R.S. 43:141 & La. R.S. 43:142, for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 to print the minutes of meetings of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and all other legal advertisements required by law be approved.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

RESOLVED, That the low proposal in the amount of \$2,000.00 submitted by Insulation Plus to service generators for the parish be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. John Gosserand, Public Utilities Director, be authorized to execute a reimbursement agreement with the Pointe Coupee Parish Public Utilities and Union Pacific Railroad Company at a cost of \$16,000.00 for the installation of a 2" directional casing bore with vent stacks and insert a 3/4" service through the casing under the railroad tracks at LA Hwy. 976 and LA Hwy. 190 near Blanks at or near railroad Milepost 619.8 of the Beaumont Subdivision by Feliciana Welders, Inc.

Unanimously carried.

Parish Administrator Jimmy Bello informed the Jury that Wal-Mart is offering free dirt from their construction site to the parish and is being stockpiled at the Maintenance Facility by our employees.

APPROVE INVOICES FOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR PHASE 10 ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Engineer Kevin Gravois requested approval of an invoice in the amount of \$8,694.00 from Industrial Enterprises, Inc. to perform a full depth asphalt repair on Vallet Street Extension at Livonia, due to a failure in the road.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultant Corporation, that an invoice in the amount of \$8,694.00 from Industrial Enterprises, Inc. to repair Vallet Street Extension at Livonia for the Phase 10 Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held June 6, 2012, were mailed to each Juror for their review. Juror Olinde reported that Economic Development Director Les Cantrell is doing an excellent job as director and has secured several certified sites in the parish for future industrial growth. He gave an update on the construction of the Wal-Mart Supercenter that will be hiring

employees October 10, 2012 and will be opened for business on January 10, 2013.

Chairman Monk expressed thanks and appreciation to Juror Olinde and Mr. Myron Lambert for chairing the meetings during his illness and absence.

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held June 5, 2012, were mailed to each Juror for their review. Chairman Cox gave an update on Faulk & Winkler, LLC preparing the Internal Control Policy and Procedure Manual for the Jury. He reported that Assistant DA John Wayne Jewell will be obtaining information to prepare the procedures needed for inclusion in the Policy for the sale of scrap materials.

Chairman Cox asked that the recommendations of the Personnel Committee be divided into three sections for approval as follows: Section 1: Items No. 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6, Section 2: Item No. 3, and Section 3: Item No. 7.

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

RESOLVED, That the following Section 1 items be approved: Promotion of Mr. Blaine Bordelon to the position of Public Works Director, Grade 218, Step 4 at an annual salary of \$57,107.00; Mr. Paul Cooper be employed as Equipment Operator II (Dump Truck Driver), Grade 204, Step 1 at an annual salary of \$23,649.00; Mr. Eddie Ray Gaspard be employed as a Part-Time Beaver Trapper at a salary of \$10 per hour at 20 hours per week; the Culvert Permit be amended to include a section for the applicant to indicate if they want to donate their old culvert to the parish for removal of the culvert from their property; and amend Section 5.7: Expense Reimbursement in the Personnel Policy Manual to include 3.b: Luggage reimbursement will be for two (2) pieces of luggage to and from a destination at the airline's current luggage rate.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the following Section 2 item be approved: Mr. Kyle Melancon, Ms. Dabria Leonard, Mr. Ethan Eichler, Mr. Tyler Matte, Mr. Marlon Lemay, Mr. Ethan McGrew, Mr. Nicholas Gremillion and Mr. Timothy Terrance be employed as Part-Time Summer Groundskeepers at a salary of \$7.25 per hour at 15 - 20 hours per week.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Section 3 item 7 be tabled until the next meeting and a response is received from the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board and the Secretary be authorized to send a letter to the School Board requesting their support in funding half the cost to employ a high school student at Livonia High School from the CPE Class Program at \$7.25 per hour at four days per week, no more than 20 hours per week, to work in the Accounting Department for the upcoming school year.

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

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

NAYS: Mr. Young.

ABSENT: Messrs. C. Dukes, A. Dukes and Jarreau.

On a vote of 8-1-3, the motion carried.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Juror Vosburg reported on the Pointe Coupee Planning Commission meeting held May 24, 2012. Copies

of the minutes were mailed to each Juror for their review.

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

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the removal of Lot 2-A-1 from Lot 2-A of the Former Patrice R. Major Property located in Section 35, T5S & R10E at Ventress for Robert Thibodeaux be approved; and be it

RESOLVED, That upon the recommendations of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission and Parish Sanitarian, that the plat showing the subdivision of Lot 1A, Lot 3D1 and Tract B of the Rama Bergeron Estate into Lot 1A-1, Lot 3D1-A and the remainder of Tract B located in Section 72, T5S & R10E at Lakeland for Kenneth Bergeron be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the above plats for Robert Thibodeaux and Kenneth Bergeron.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Cline, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Secretary

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Melanie L. Bueche  
President