

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
May 13, 2025**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 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 APRIL 8, 2025 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of April 8, 2025 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

POINTE COUPEE HUMAN SERVICES

Pointe Coupee Human Services Director Deandria Gremillion appeared before the council to report on the various services the substance abuse clinic offers to the citizens in and outside the parish. She invited the council and public to their open house on June 27, 2025. In closing, she responded to questions from the council.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 13, 2025 AS ELMO SHOLES DAY & PRESENTATION OF LA HONOR MEDAL

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

**PROCLAMATION
ELMO SHOLES DAY**

WHEREAS, Mr. Elmo “Buddy” Sholes was born December 26, 1920 in Wilson, Louisiana to the late Mr. Iree Sholes and Mrs. Fannie Caston Sholes, and was located in New Jersey for 20 years before returning and residing in Morganza and Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sholes was married to the late Trogia Eunice Goins Sholes for 66 years until her demise in 2009; and

WHEREAS, his life spans 104 years and majority of his time is being devoted to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, he has been a strong servant for over 65 years as an elder, pastor, as well as superintendent for the Church of God in Christ in Morganza, Louisiana, and presently holds the honor of Superintendent Emeritus of the Louisiana East Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, Mr. Sholes served in the United States Army and fulfilled his military duties ranked as a Corporal in the Philippines and the Pacific Island, and is one of the state’s oldest living World War II Veterans; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 5, 2025, World War II Veteran Elmo Sholes was honored by Governor Jeff Landry of the State of Louisiana with the World War II Coin.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim **May 13, 2025** as **MR. ELMO SHOLES DAY** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to participate in activities and ceremonies celebrating thereof.

Unanimously carried.

Assistant Secretary of Outreach Larry Williams of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs (LDVA) presented a proclamation from Governor Jeff Landry and the State of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal to Veteran Elmo Sholes for his service in the United States Army. LDVA Chief of Staff Dustin Guy presented their department pin and special World War II Commenerative Coin to Veteran Sholes.

Veteran Sholes thanked the state and parish for honoring him for his service with the United States Army, and he is forever grateful for the many blessings he has received throughout his 104 years.

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 \$8,443,2919, total expenditures of \$7,962,980 and total excess revenues over expenditures of \$480,239; one new hired, one termination, one retirement, one resignation, and one open position as of April 30, 2025; and will begin advertising for bids for the Multi-Water Ways and Watershed Drainage Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF POINTE COUPEE PARK AT ROUGON/GLYNN

Parish President Thibaut discussed the recreation park at Rougon/Glynn in Chenal Estates Subdivision not being utilized for years and constant seepage onto the property. He proposed selling said property, and fund a new park location in the vicinity. After further discussion, he reported on obtaining an appraisal of the property, and have the parks & recreation director evaluate the park for possible upgrades, and will report back with updates.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 - PLANNING & ZONING (PUBLIC HEARING 6/10/25)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances amending Article III, of Chapter 17 relative to planning & zoning and otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Parish Council 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.

RESOLUTION(S):

APPROVE THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH AS REQUIRED BY LA R.S. 43:141 AND LA R.S. 43:142, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of 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, 2025 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE 2024 AUDIT

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

RESOLVED, That the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with the LA Legislative Auditor for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government 2024 Audit Engagement be adopted.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PARISH ALLOWING CAFA TO OFFER THEIR BOND PROGRAMS IN ADDITION TO CURRENT GRANT PROGRAMS TO CITIZENS LOOKING TO PURCHASE HOMES IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH

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

**CERTIFICATE OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH
EVIDENCING PUBLIC APPROVAL OF BONDS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 147(f) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Finance Authority (the “**Authority**”), a public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 2-A of Title 9 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 9:2341-9:2347, inclusive) (the “**Act**”) has, by resolution dated April 16, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the “**Commission**”), duly authorized the issuance of not exceeding of Capital Area Finance Authority Revenue Bonds in one or more series (the “**Bonds**”) to finance loans to first-time homebuyers within the jurisdictional parishes of the Authority and such other governmental units (the “**Participating Jurisdictions**”) whose governing authority authorized and directed the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement (a “**CEA**”) with the Authority under the provisions of the Act and other applicable constitutional and statutory authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, on May 15, 2025, duly authorized the issuance and sale of the Bonds in accordance with law and the Commission's Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are classified as exempt facility bonds under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) and the provisions of Section 147(f)(2)(A), (B) and (E) of the Code require that issuance of the Bonds be approved by the “applicable elected representative” of the governmental unit which issues such bonds or on whose behalf such bonds are issued and by the “applicable elected representative” of such other Participating Jurisdictions that have executed a CEA with the Authority under the provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish (the “**Governmental Unit**”) has executed a CEA with the Authority to permit the financing of loans to first-time homebuyers within geographic area of the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, the applicable elected representative (the “**Approving Representative**”) of the

Governmental Unit for purposes of approving the Bonds is **Parish President Major Thibaut**; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, Notice of Public Hearing (attached as **Exhibit "A"** hereto), was published in (i) The Advocate, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (ii) The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iii) the Houma Courier, Houma, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (iv) the Lake Charles American Press, Lake Charles, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (v) The News Star, Monroe, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vi) the Times-Picayune, New Orleans, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, (vii) The Times, Shreveport, Louisiana on April 23, 2025, and (viii) The Town Talk, Alexandria, Louisiana on April 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the requirements of the Code, the public hearing with respect to the issuance of said Bonds was held on May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., Louisiana Time, at 601 St. Ferdinand Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, and simultaneously held by teleconference using the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9940303250?omn=88470185621> or by dialing US toll-free number (833) 928-4640; meeting ID: 994 030 3250 in accordance with Rev. Proc. 2022-20 after due notice thereof was published in the official journal of the Authority and in the aforementioned publications sufficient to inform the public within the geographic area of the Participating Jurisdictions of the subject, date and place of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, no objections were raised by any person present at the said hearing or by any person participating by teleconference relative to the issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, desires to approve the issuance of the Bonds for the purposes of the Code.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council does hereby certify that the Parish President, Approving Representative of the Participating Jurisdiction, hereby approves, and confirms the issuance of the Bonds. The approving representative, and its officers, are authorized to cause this certificate to be filed of record in the transcript of proceedings for the Bonds and to file a copy thereof with any State or Federal agency, board or commission as may be required by any applicable State or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

Unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JIMMY CHUSTZ TO THE FALSE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jimmy Chustz be reappointed to serve as a member of the False River Watershed Council.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTER:

APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 14743 PURPERA ROAD, INNIS, LA (PARCEL #00075600) FOR ROGER LAVINE ESTATE

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Shirley Franklin be granted a 90-day extension for the condemnation and removal of a dangerous structure (mobile home) located at 14743 Purpera Road, Innis, Louisiana (Parcel# 00075600) for Roger Levine Estate.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux welcomed Deputy Clerk Courtney Hurst, who will be replacing Council Clerk Gerrie Martin, who will be retiring.

Parish President Thibaut announced quarter bass will be placed in False River Thursday, May 15, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman