

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
April 8, 2025**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, 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, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Mr. Kurt Jarreau.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2025 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 11, 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:

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO POINTE COUPEE NATIVE & TROMBONIST RAYMOND HARRIS

Chairman Boudreaux presented a certificate of recognition to Pointe Coupee Native and Trombonist Raymond Harris to give honor and recognition for his contribution to the music industry.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

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

**PROCLAMATION
AUTISM AWAENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong developmental difference, associated with significant alteration of an individual's ability to learn in the same way as others, which may include differences in social behaviors and communication; and

WHEREAS, autism, also known as autism spectrum disorders, affects people regardless of race, religion, socio-economic status or geography; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of autism in the United States is 1 in 59 according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, evidence suggests autism is the result of neurological anomalies affecting the functioning of the brain and few members of the general public understand this complex syndrome; and

WHEREAS, persons with autism can be helped to reach their greatest potential, and accurate, early diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education and interventions, as well as community acceptance and accommodations, are vital to the future growth and development of the individual; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex set of differences that requires increased research to one day better understand it; and

WHEREAS, the greater recognition and understanding of autism can ensure that individuals with autism are accurately diagnosed and appropriately treated throughout their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2025 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to reach out to the Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge for support and to bring awareness of autism.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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

**PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, the 56th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans - individually and collectively - to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the month of **April, 2025** as **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish and encourage all citizens of this parish to join in reaffirming the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY COUNCIL CLERK

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

RESOLVED, That Ms. Courtney Hurst be appointed Deputy Council Clerk for the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

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 \$6,772,831, total expenditures of \$5,000,546 and total excess revenues over expenditures of \$1,772,285 as of March 31, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING - AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 16-17 OF CHAPTER 16 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO NUISANCES & THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Article II, Section 16-17 of Chapter 16 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to nuisances, and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:43 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Article II, Section 16-17 of Chapter 16 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to nuisances, 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, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Jarreau.

On a vote of 7-0-1, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION - APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR ERIC LONG, SR. AT 16707 CHURCH STREET, LETTSWORTH, LA

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

RESOLVED, That the special use permit for a seasonal outdoor shop located at 16707 Church Street, Lettsworth, LA for Mr. Eric Long, Sr. be approved as recommended by the Pointe Coupee Planning & Zoning Commission.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION(S):

AUTHORIZE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS & ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, SEEK PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE FY2026-2027 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Parish President Thibaut reported the application will be submitted to fund the remaining derelict properties for the FY2026-2027 - Clearance Program, that were not funded during the first round.

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

TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THAT THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH PRESIDENT SIGN AND EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS, PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, DECLARATIONS, APPLICATIONS, AMENDMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS AND PAPERWORK NECESSARY FOR THE APPLICATION,

ADMINISTRATION AND CLOSEOUT OF A FY 2026-2027 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH AND ANY POLITICAL SUB-DIVISIONS THEREOF; AND FURTHER INDICATING THE INTENTION OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE FY 2026-2027 LCDBG PROGRAM, IN THE EVENT THE GRANT IS FUNDED.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government intends to apply to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development for Louisiana Community Development Block Grants for eligible activities for water system improvements to Water Works District No. 2 of Pointe Coupee which will benefit residents of the Water District and Parish; and

WHEREAS, this grant will require a large volume of paperwork from the Parish in an expedited manner; and

WHEREAS, the Parish in conjunction with the Water District has agreed to allocate funds for Engineering and Administrative services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish President be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign and execute, on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, any and all contracts, declarations, applications, amendments, land purchase agreements, all other multi-party agreements, all other documents and paperwork necessary for the application, administration and closeout of a **FY 2026-2027 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Application** on behalf of the Parish and any political subdivisions thereof.

The Parish hereby agrees to pay for Engineering Services, for the services rendered in connection with the aforementioned grant application, *in the event that the grant is funded*, in accordance with the Parish's contract for professional services with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for services rendered in connection with the aforementioned grant application. These fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for professional engineering services that would otherwise be paid directly by the Office of Community Development. Costs will be based on a percentage of the estimated construction cost in accordance with the Fee Schedules for the LCDBG program.

The Parish further agrees to pay for Administration Consulting Services for grant administration services in accordance with the Parish's contract with Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for services rendered in connection with the aforementioned grant application, *in the event that the grant is funded*. These fees shall not exceed the maximum allowable fees for such services allowed under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for professional administrative services that would otherwise be paid directly by the Office of Community Development. Administrative consulting services fees not to exceed \$50,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW QUOTE FOR MULTI-USE CENTER SEWER PROJECT - PHASE II TO MOREAU CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED, That the low quote in the amount of \$155,920.00 submitted by Moreau Construction, LLC for the Multi-Use Center Sewer Project - Phase II, Louisiana Facility Planning Project No. **50-J39-23-02**, be accepted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, the contract to be awarded pending concurrence of Facility Planning and Control and the Pointe Coupee Parish Government commitment to fund the project until completion; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Parish President Major Thibaut, on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government, be authorized to sign the contract agreement and all necessary documents for said project.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW BID FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2023 - CLEARANCE PROGRAM TO 1 PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC AND AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT

Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That the low bid in the amount of \$293,692.60 submitted by 1 Priority Environmental Services, LLC for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2023 - Clearance Program be accepted, and the contract to be awarded contingent upon the State's approval of the verification of the Contractor's eligibility; 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. LaCoste, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman