

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

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at the Courthouse Annex in the Parish Council Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER LEVYING INCREASED MILLAGE RATES AFTER REASSESSMENT AND ROLLING FORWARD MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED BY LAW

A hearing to obtain public input from citizens to consider levying increased millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized by law was conducted at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chief Jeremy Waldrop, Pointe Coupee Fire Protection District 1, gave an overview of the budget to justify adjusting millages for the district, and was available to address any questions from councilmembers.

There were no objections received from persons in the audience and the public hearing was closed at 5:34 p.m.

Chairman Boudreaux called the meeting to order and directed Council Clerk Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard, Edwin Soulier, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Sidney Lacoste and Charles Watkins.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2025 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 10, 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 - PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AWARDS FOR JULIE OLINDE, JAMES DAVID, MCKINLEY JACK, ANN ST. ROMAIN, AND RETIREMENT AWARD FOR BILLY DEROZAN

Parish President Major Thibaut recognized several employees for their outstanding commitment and years of service to the parish:

- **Julie Olinde** – 5 Years of Dedicated Service
- **James David** – 15 Years of Dedicated Service
- **Mckinley Jack** – 15 Years of Dedicated Service, who was present.
- **Ann St. Romain** – 20 Years of Dedicated Service

In addition, a **Retirement Award** was presented to **Billy Derozan** in honor of his 19 years of dedicated service.

President Thibaut thanked each of them for their hard work, loyalty, and contributions to our community.

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 \$10,966,772, total expenditures of -\$11,332,150 and total excess revenues over expenditures of -\$365,378 as of June 30, 2025; open positions for Equipment Operator and Mechanic; Watershed Drainage Improvements Project - Phase II: Corps of Engineers permit approved for Detention Center; and awaiting approval of Delta Regional Authority grant for the Parish.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION OF PARISH-WIDE STRATEGIC FIRE PLAN

Chief Butch Browning presented the Parish-Wide Strategic Fire Plan, previously shared at the Fire Board of Commissioners meeting. He provided a brief overview of the plan's objectives and strategic goals, and expressed his appreciation to all fire districts for their participation and hard work.

Chairman Boudreaux thanked the committee for their contributions to the plan.

Parish President Thibaut also extended his thanks to Chief Browning for his time and leadership, and to the committee for their dedication in developing the fire plan. He concluded with closing remarks.

DISCUSSION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY

Chairman Boudreaux provided a definition and example of blighted properties, noting that many are currently listed as agricultural properties, and some are not properly maintained.

Parish President Thibaut added according to the ordinance, grass height exceeding 12 inches qualifies as blighted, with an exemption for agricultural property.

Attorney Dannie Garrett clarified, stating that under the ordinance, properties must be actively planted and cultivated to qualify as agricultural.

Assessor James Laurent also commented, recommending the use of the assessor's classifications for tax purposes to determine agricultural status. He noted that to qualify for exemption, a property must be at least three acres in size.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to short-term rentals; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:16 p.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Vice Chairman Bergeron provided remarks and introduced proposed amendments to the ordinance for consideration.

At the request of Chairman Boudreaux, Attorney Garrett reviewed new proposed amendments to ordinance.

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

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

RESOLVED, That the amendments to Chapter 28 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to short-term rentals, and further 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-0-2, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to short-term rentals, and further 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-0-2, the motion carried.

ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES(S)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 8, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

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| Parish Tax | 3.48 mills |
| Parish Tax in Town of Livonia | 3.48 mills |
| Parish Tax in City of New Roads | 1.74 mills |
| Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance) | 9.73 mills |
| Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations) | 8.30 mills |
| Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding) | 1.43 mills |
| Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations) | 4.04 mills |
| Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding) | 2.92 mills |
| Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations) | 2.89 mills |
| Fire District No. 3 (Equipment) | 15.00 mills |
| Fire District No. 4 (Maintenance & Operations) | 11.30 mills |
| Fire District No. 4 (Additional Funding) | 11.39 mills |
| Fire District No. 5 (Maintenance & Operations) | 4.99 mills |

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| Fire District No. 5 (Additional Funding) | 3.00 mills |
| Library Maintenance Tax | 5.08 mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, Soulier, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste and Watkins.

On a vote of 6-0-0-2, the motion carried.

SET FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE(S) AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATE(S) NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE(S)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 8, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rates(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2025, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

| | <u>Adjusted Rate</u> | <u>2025 Levy</u> |
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| Parish Tax | 3.48 mills | 3.48 mills |
| Parish Tax in Town of Livonia | 3.48 mills | 3.48 mills |
| Parish Tax in City of New Roads | 1.74 mills | 1.74 mills |
| Fire District No. 1 (Acquisitions & Maintenance) | 9.73 mills | 9.73 mills |
| Fire District No. 1 (Maintenance & Operations) | 8.30 mills | 8.30 mills |
| Fire District No. 2 (Additional Funding) | 1.43 mills | 1.43 mills |
| Fire District No. 2 (Maintenance & Operations) | 4.04 mills | 4.04 mills |
| Fire District No. 3 (Additional Funding) | 2.92 mills | 2.92 mills |
| Fire District No. 3 (Maintenance & Operations) | 2.89 mills | 2.89 mills |

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| Fire District No. 3 (Equipment) | 15.00 mills | 15.00 mills |
| Fire District No. 4 (Maintenance & Operations) | 11.30 mills | 11.30 mills |
| Fire District No. 4 (Additional Funding) | 11.39 mills | 11.39 mills |
| Fire District No. 5 (Maintenance & Operations) | 4.99 mills | 5.00 mills |
| Fire District No. 5 (Additional Funding) | 3.00 mills | 3.00 mills |
| Library Maintenance Tax | 5.08 mills | 5.08 mills |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Assessor of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

The Chairman called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:
 YEAS: Messrs. Gaspard, Soulier, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron and Boudreaux.
 NAYS: None.
 ABSTAIN: None.
 ABSENT: Messrs. LaCoste and Watkins.
 On a vote of 6-0-0-2, the motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION - APPROVAL OF REZONING REQUEST FOR CHATEAU POINTE COUPEE, LLC.

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

RESOLVED, That the upon the recommendation of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission, rezoning request for Chateau Pointe Coupee, LLC be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 - PERSONNEL POLICY MANUEL (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 12, 2025)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances - Personnel Policy Manuel, and otherwise provide with respect thereto has been introduced before the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, and that a public

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hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 12, 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.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE SALE OF PARISH PROPERTY ON LOT 43 IN CHENAL ESTATES SUBDIVISION AT GLYNN (PUBLIC HEARING AUGUST 12, 2025)

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 for the sale of Parish property on Lot 43 in Chenal Estates Subdivision at Glynn, 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, August 12, 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 LIQUOR LICENSES FOR JOSEPH COTTON, JR. DBA SMART STOP, LLC. & CAFÉ JOE’S, LLC. (11896 LA HWY 1, LETTSWORTH)

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

RESOLVED, That the Liquor Licenses for Joseph Cotton, Jr. dba Smart Stop, LLC. & Café Joe’s, LLC. (11896 LA Hwy 1, Lettsworth) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF 2024 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTED BY KOLDER, SLAVEN, & CO., LLC.

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

RESOLVED, That the 2024 annual audit report submitted by Kolder, Slaven, & Co., LLC. be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AWARD LOW BID FOR WATERSHED DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO DYNAMIC GROUP, LLC. & AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED, That the low base bid in the amount of \$1,415,288.36 and Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$749,526.46 and Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$639,618.80 submitted by Dynamic Group, LLC for Watershed Drainage Improvements Project, Louisiana Facility Planning Project No. **50-J39-22-03**, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman