

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
October 14, 2025**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 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 Courtney Hurst to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard, Sidney LaCoste, Edward Soulier, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron, and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 9, 2025 regular meeting of the Parish Council be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, That the revision to wording of agenda items #7(2) & adding agenda item #9(5) to read as follows:

- Introduction of Ordinances - A proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 29, of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Battery Energy Storage Systems, and amend Sec. 17-51.1 (Public Hearing 11/4/25).
- Resolution - Authorize president to sign agreement for Salas O'Brian, LLC.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President 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 \$17,612,495, total expenditures of -\$17,962,469, fund balances 2025 of \$18,640,742, and available funds end of year of \$18,2905,767 as of September 31, 2025; one retirement, one resignation, and open positions pending hiring of Operator.

Parish Updates:

- Budget Meetings: Scheduled for October 28, 2025, with available times from 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Road Project: A \$1.8 million road improvement project is underway. The \$1.1 million contract will be awarded later in the meeting.
- Courthouse Update: All departments have officially moved into the renovated courthouse. The project is approximately 98% complete, with only minor work remaining, including parts for the tower clock. Surrounding site improvements are expected to continue through the end of February.
- Water District Board: The board met to discuss automated water and gas meter systems. They are currently meeting with the meter reader to address ongoing issues and reviewing vendor pricing for the proposed automated meters.
- Watershed Project – West Baton Rouge line to Hwy 190 is completed. Currently working from Hwy 190 to the Lighthouse canal.

In conclusion, he answered questions from the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were not public comments on agenda items.

DISCUSSION OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 9 ARTICLE IV RELATIVE TO A SINGLE GOVERNING FIRE BOARD

Chairman Boudreaux provided a summary on the current status of the Fire Board. He noted that one representative from each district serves on the board. He discussed potential options for amending the ordinance and consolidating the Fire Board and suggested that the Council identify the specific needs of each fire district. He also mentioned that some fire chiefs would like the board to take a more active role in its operations.

Vice Chairman Bergeron stated that it would be a significant responsibility to place on the Council to serve as the Fire Board, considering the many roles and duties the Council already holds.

Councilman Jarreau agreed with Mr. Bergeron and briefly discussed the upcoming election in Fire Protection District No. 1 and District No. 2 to authorize the continuation of a special tax. He expressed uncertainty that the measure would pass, noting that it has failed several times in the past.

Attorney Dannie Garrett also answered any questions from the Council.

Councilman LaCoste suggested the possibility of consolidating the fire districts into two—one serving the northern area and one serving the southern area of the parish

President Thibaut informed the Council that he and the Director of Finance, Tonilyn Guidry, met with District 2 Fire Chief to review the district's financial status. He stated that if the special fire tax does

not pass, the district may not be able to sustain operations for more than a year, and tough decisions will have to be made about fire protection for the Parish.

The Council continued discussion on several possible scenarios regarding the contractual consolidation of Fire Protection District No. 1 and District No. 2, including considerations of how each district would be affected in terms of rating.

PUBLIC HEARING – AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR SECTION 6-1 OF CHAPTER 6 ROOFING PERMIT FEES, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 6-1 of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances regarding amendments to Roofing Permit Fees; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:43 p.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 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. Bazile and seconded by Mr. Watkins:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Section 6-1 of Chapter 6 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances relative to Roofing Permit Fees, 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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE MERGER OF PRECINCT 14A INTO PRECINCT 14 TO CREATE A SINGLE-MUNICIPAL PRECINCT & ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.S.18:532.1 (PUBLIC HEARING 11/4/25)

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 to provide for the merger of Precinct 14A into Precinct 14 to create a single-municipal precinct and assigning polling locations for the Town of Fordoche with R.S.18:532.1 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, October 4, 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 person are urged to attend.

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 29, OF THE POINTE COUPEE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS, AND AMEND SEC. 17-57.1 (PUBLIC HEARING 11/4/25)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 29 of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, and amend Sec. 17-57.1, pertaining to Battery Energy Storage Systems; and to provide for related matters; 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, November 4, 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.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – APPROVAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN EVENT CENTER AT 9345 SAIZON ROAD, NEW ROADS, LOUISIANA FOR ELTON HUTCHINSON

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

RESOLVED, That the special use permit for an event center at 9345 Saizon Road, New Roads, LA for Elton Hutchinson be approved as recommended by the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning & Zoning Commission.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - SET TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF THE PARISH

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

RESOLVED, That the hours for trick-or-treat be set from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025 in the rural area of the parish for children 12 years and under.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

Motion by Mr. Boudreaux and seconded by Mr. Gaspard.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 6, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, April 18, 2026, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the District), continue to levy a special tax of 6.80 mills (an estimated \$239,500 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), on all property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment; paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service; and paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82, said millage to represent a 3.29 mills

increase (due to reappraisal) over the 3.51 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2026 pursuant to an election held on April 9, 2016?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on October 6, 2025, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, April 18, 2026, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Pointe Coupee Fire Districts Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE)

Shall Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District") be authorized to levy a special tax of 15 mills (an estimated \$285,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), on all the property subject to taxation in the District for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment and emergency rescue equipment; paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service; and paying the cost of acquiring fire protection facilities of the District, including specialized rescue tools and lifesaving equipment, all constituting works of public improvement, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT F INTO LOTS F-1 & F-2 FOR DAVIS LEORA, INC. C/O FREDERICK DAVIS

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

RESOLVED, That the final plat showing the re-subdivision of Lot F into F-1 and F-2 located in sections 60 and 61, T 6 S-R 9E (1658 Valverde Road, Maringouin, LA 70757) for Davis Leora, Inc. c/o Frederick Davis.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR SALUS FACILITIES, INC.

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

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

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - AWARD LOW BID FOR 2025 ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT & AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONTRACT.

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

RESOLVED, That the low bid in the amount of \$1,098,918.00 submitted by M-Trak, LLC for the 2025 Pointe Coupee Road Resurfacing Project, be accepted; 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.

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR SALAS O'BRIAN, LLC.

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

RESOLVED, That Parish President Major Thibaut, on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government, be authorized to sign the contract agreement and all necessary documents with Salas O'Brian, LLC to consult for Electrical Engineering Services for Parish-wide Generator Project (DR 4611-0018).

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTER – APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 5620 WOODVIEW LANE, JARREAU, LA (PARCEL #00354625)

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

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RESOLVED, That a 90-day extension for the condemnation and removal of a dangerous structure (mobile home) located at 562 Woodview Lane, Jarreau, Louisiana (Parcel #00354625) for Elvis and Patricia Barker.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced that the next regular meeting will be held on November 4, 2025, due to the Veterans Day Holiday falling on the second Tuesday of November. He also reminded everyone that the Region III Police Jury Association Meeting will be held on October 27, 2025, hosted by Iberville Parish, with registration due by October 21, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Courtney D. Hurst  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman