

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL  
November 4, 2025**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 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. Sidney LaCoste, Edward Soulier (tardy), Charles Watkins, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron, and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard and Kurt Jarreau

APPROVE MINUTES OF October 14, 2025 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 14, 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.

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 \$18,091,171, total expenditures of -\$19,593,960, fund balances 2025 of \$18,640,742, and available funds end of year of \$17,137,954 as of October 31, 2025; one new hire - Operator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V – PARISH GOVERNMENT 2025 OPERATING BUDGET, ADOPT 2026 OPERATING BUDGET AND 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET (PUBLIC HEARING 12/9/25)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Article V of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government, Parish Government 2025 Operating Budget, adopt 2026 Operating Budget and 2026 Capital Budget; 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, December 9, 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 CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE III – CREATING A FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU PURSUANT TO LA R.S.40:1563 (PUBLIC HEARING 12/9/25)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Article III of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinance, creating a Fire Prevention Bureau pursuant to LA R.S.40:1563;

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, December 9, 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 CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE IV – RELATIVE TO THE SINGLE BOARD GOVERNING ALL FIRE DISTRICTS (PUBLIC HEARING 12/9/25)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Article IV of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinance, relative to the single board governing all districts; 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, December 9, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – AN INTRODUCED 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 & ASSIGNING POLLING LOCATION FOR THE TOWN OF FORDOCHE IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.S.18:532.1, THEREAFTER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to 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 location for the Town of Fordoche in accordance with R.S.18:532.1; 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. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

RESOLVED, That the 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 location for the Town of Fordoche in accordance with R.S.18:532.1, 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. LaCoste, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron, and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard, Soulier, and Jarreau.

On a vote of 5-0-0-3, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 29 OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND AMEND SEC. 17-57, PERTAINING TO BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEMS, THEREAFTER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 29 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, and amend Sec. 17-57, pertaining to Battery Storage Systems; 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.

President Thibaut requested that the Council postpone action on the ordinance until the next meeting so that revisions can be reviewed with legal counsel. He introduced representatives from NextEra Energy and Pointe Coupee Electric, who provided details on the proposed battery storage project. The project would involve a 150-MW battery system on a 16-acre site located near the substation on

Highway 190 in Livonia. Construction costs are estimated between \$150 million-\$200 million and projected deadline December, 2027.

Crystal V. with NextEra Energy Resources provided a brief overview of the battery storage project and addressed any questions from the Council.

Jennifer Vosburg with Pointe Coupee Electric was in attendance and advised that the company is interested in the project, has not signed any documents as of yet, and is ensuring that they are properly regulated.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 29 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, and amend Sec. 17-57, pertaining to Battery Storage Systems, and further provide with respect thereto be deferred by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council to the December 9, 2025 Council Meeting.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCoste, Soulier, Watkins, Bazile, Bergeron, and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Gaspard and Jarreau.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PARISH'S PERFORMANCE OF THE ACTIVITIES FUNDED UNDER THE FY2023 LCDBG CLEARANCE PROGRAM FOR ELIMINATION AND PREVENTING BLIGHTED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE PARISH

A hearing to obtain public input concerning the Parish's performance of the activities funded under the FY2023 LCDBG Clearance Program for eliminating and preventing blighted properties within the Parish; 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.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE NAMING PRIVATE ROAD "DOUCET LANE" OFF POYDRAS BAYOU ROAD AT ERWINVILLE FOR E-911 PURPOSES

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

RESOLVED, That a private road be named Doucet Lane of Poydras Bayou Road at Erwinville for E-911 purposes.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - SUPPORT REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF LOANS AND/OR GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM BY THE LA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO UPGRADE ELECTRONIC WATER AND GAS METERS AND AUTHORIZE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN GRANT APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Government is in need of funding to provide upgraded electronic water and gas meters; and

WHEREAS, loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government that:

Section 1. The Parish President – Major Thibaut is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application, application, and issue debt in the amount of \$5.5 million to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program; and

Section 2. The Director of Finance, Tonilyn Guidry, Director of Governmental Affairs, Jeanne Hendrix, and Assistant Director of Finance, Becky Mayeux are further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and

Section 3. The Parish President is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the Pointe Coupee Parish Government for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

YEAS: Messrs. Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron,  
and Dustin Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jimmie Gaspard and Kurt Jarreau

ABSTAIN: None.

On a vote of 6-0-2-0, the resolution was declared adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2025.

RESOLUTION - OPT - OUT OF SOLAR POWER GENERATION FACILITIES SITE REQUIREMENTS PER ACT 279 OF THE 2025 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. LaCoste.

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Legislature adopted Act 279 of the 2025 Regular Session;

**WHEREAS**, Act 279 enacted RS 30:1142, et seq, state requirements on solar power generation facilities, aka solar farms;

**WHEREAS**, RS 30:1142(B) provides Any parish that has adopted solar ordinances may by resolution opt out of the siting requirements of this Part;

**WHEREAS**, Pointe Coupee Parish had previously enacted Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, Solar Farm Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 27 of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances provides the appropriate regulation of solar farms in Pointe Coupee Parish.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council that Pointe Coupee Parish Government hereby exercises the authority vested in it as a parish government to opt out of the siting standards set forth in RS 30:1142, et seq.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to have this Resolution executed and transmitted to the Louisiana Department of Conservation and Energy, attention Amanda McClinton, Executive Director, C&E Office of Energy.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR P.C. TOURIST COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That the By-laws of the Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR JOHN LACOUR DBA THE SANDBAR,  
6716 FALSE RIVER DRIVE, OSCAR, LOUISIANA 70762

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

RESOLVED, That the liquor license for John LaCour dba The Sandbar (6716 False River Drive, Oscar, Louisiana) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced next Committee Meeting will held on December 9, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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Courtney D. Hurst  
Council Clerk

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Dustin Boudreaux  
Chairman