

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
April 14, 2026

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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. Jimmy Gaspard, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Charles Watkins, Paul Bergeron, and Dustin Boudreaux.

ABSENT: Messrs. Kurt Jarreau and Edward Bazile.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2026 MEETING

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of March 10, 2026 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 – PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Mallory Davis, Board Chair of Pointe Coupee Autism Community Advocates, thanked the Parish Council and Parish President for adopting the Autism Awareness Month Proclamation. She provided a brief overview of the organization's goals and emphasized the importance of awareness, inclusion, and community support for individuals with autism and families affected by autism.

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

PROCLAMATION
AUTISM AWARENESS 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, 2026 as **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to reach out to the Pointe Coupee Autism Community Advocates for support and to bring awareness of autism.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS – PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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

**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, 2026** 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS – PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

LaRae Kador, Volunteer Advocate with Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) of the 18th JDC, thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to share the organization's mission and for the support received. She provided a brief overview of the organization's history and highlighted the positive impact CASA has made over the years on behalf of children and families within the judicial system across various parishes.

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

**PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, children are our community's most valuable resource and deserve to grow up in safe, stable, and nurturing environments; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect continue to be serious issues affecting children and families across Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes within the 18th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, CASA of the 18th JDC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and promoting court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect can achieve safety, permanency, and the opportunity to thrive;

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers are trained community members who are sworn in by judges to advocate for the best interests of children in foster care, ensuring their voices are heard in court and that they receive the services and support they need;

WHEREAS, these dedicated volunteers provide consistent, caring support to children during times of uncertainty, helping improve outcomes such as educational success, access to services, and placement in safe, permanent homes;

WHEREAS, CASA of the 18th JDC relies on community involvement, volunteerism, and partnerships to fulfill its mission and to bring awareness to the needs of abused and neglected children in our region;

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council do hereby proclaim the month of **April, 2026** as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and I urge all citizens to recognize this month by strengthening families, supporting prevention efforts, and considering ways to get involved with CASA of the 18th JDC to help ensure that every child has a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

Unanimously carried.

PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut provided updates and reported on the following: presented a written financial report detailing sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utility collections, and permit fees; reported total revenues of \$9,636,650, total expenditures of -\$5,833,751, fund balances for 2026 of \$17,480,998, and available end-of-year funds of \$21,281,897 as of March 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were not public comments on agenda items.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO SWIMMING POOLS. (PUBLIC HEARING 5/12/26)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to make amendments Chapter 6, Article IV of the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to swimming pools; 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, May 12, 2026** 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 AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. (PUBLIC HEARING 5/12/26)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to authorize the acceptance of the donation of immovable property; 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, May 12, 2026** 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 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF TAXABLE WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2026B, OF CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1. (PUBLIC HEARING 5/12/26)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance and delivery of Taxable Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B, of Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1; 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, May 12, 2026** 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE III, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to make amendments to the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Code, Chapter 17, Article III; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:47 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026 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. Bergeron:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to make amendments to the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning and Zoning Code, Chapter 17, Article III, 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, Bergeron, and Boudreaux.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jarreau and Bazile.

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

RESOLUTION – APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DAVID JETT DBA JETT’S FOOD MART #4 AT 11080 ISLAND ROAD, VENTRESS, LA 70783

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

RESOLVED, That the liquor license for David Jett dba Jett’s Food Mart #4 (11080 Island Road, Ventress, LA 70783) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DALBERT HEBERT DBA BUECHE'S BAR & GRILL AT 6901 LA HWY 413, JARREAU, LA 70749

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

RESOLVED, That the liquor license for Dalbert Hebert dba Bueche's Bar & Grill (6901 LA Hwy 413, Jarreau, LA 70749) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTER – APPEAL FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 5647 JOHNSON ST., BATCHELOR, LA 70715 (PARCEL #00149800) FOR AARON MILES ESTATE

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

RESOLVED, That a thirty (30) day extension of time for the condemnation and removal of a dangerous structure located at 5647 Johnson Street, Batchelor, Louisiana (Parcel #00149800) for Aaron Miles Estate be denied.

Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDANCE – INTENT TO CALL ELECTION FOR PARISH SALES TAX RENEWAL (1/2 ROADS & BRIDGES AND 1/4 HOSPITAL)

Chairman Boudreaux read aloud the following statement of intent to call an election:

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Parish Council Meeting Room, 160 E. Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of sales and use taxes therein.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Chairman Boudreaux announced the Parish Retreat for all Parish Leadership is Friday, May 1, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Soulier, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.



Courtney D. Hurst
Council Clerk



Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman