MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
July 14, 2026

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 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, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron, and Dustin Boudreaux.
ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL & JUNE 23, 2026 SPECIAL MEETINGS

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

> RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 9, 2026 Regular Council and June 23, 2026 Special meetings 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 JULY 14TH AS EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY

Dr. Willie Louviere, Executive Director provided a brief overview of the mission and vision of the Pointe Coupee Early Childhood Coalition (PCECC). She introduced the members of the PCECC and recognized the donors in attendance, expressing appreciation for their continued support.

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

PROCLAMATION
EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY

WHEREAS, the early years of a child's life are critical to healthy development, school readiness, lifelong learning, and future success; and

WHEREAS, access to high-quality early childhood education and care provides a strong foundation that supports children, strengthens families, and contributes to the long-term economic vitality of Pointe Coupée Parish; and

WHEREAS, child care providers, early childhood educators, school leaders, family child care providers, and community partners work diligently each day to nurture, educate, and support the young children of Pointe Coupée Parish; and

WHEREAS, reliable and quality child care enables parents and caregivers to participate in the workforce, pursue education and training opportunities, and contribute to the economic stability of our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Pointe Coupée Parish recognize the importance of investing in early childhood systems that promote educational success, family well-being, workforce participation, and stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupée Early Childhood Coalition and its partners continue to lead collaborative efforts that expand access to quality early learning opportunities, support educators and families, and strengthen outcomes for children throughout the parish; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize and celebrate the dedicated professionals, families, advocates, and organizations whose work positively impacts the lives of young children every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Pointe Coupée Parish Council hereby proclaims July 14, 2026, as **EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY in Pointe Coupée Parish, Louisiana** and encourages all citizens to recognize and support the essential role early childhood education and care plays in building a stronger, healthier, and more prosperous community for all.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS – PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD TO DALE HOWARD (PRESIDENT THIBAUT)

Parish President Thibaut presented a 15-year Service Award to Mr. Dale Howard in recognition of his dedicated service to the Parish Government. Mr. Howard was not in attendance and will be honored at the next meeting on August 11, 2026.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut provided updates and reported on the following:

- Presented the June 2026 Financial Report, detailing revenues from sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utility collections, and permit fees. As of June 2026, total revenues were $16,847,002, total expenditures were -$11,162,661, fund balances totaled $18,862,338, and available end-of-year funds were projected at $24,546,679.
- All audit findings for 2025 have been resolved.
- Presented the Human Resources Report, announcing the hiring of Dan Wallis as the Parish's new part-time Fire Coordinator.
- Update on Consolidated Waterworks Districts: The debt consolidation has been completed. Aqua Metrics will begin converting gas meters over the coming months, with the project expected to be completed by July 2027.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were not public comments on agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING - AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 OF THE POINTE COUPEE CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO "NO WAKE ZONE" ON FALSE RIVER, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 15 of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, relative to "No Wake Zone" on False River; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:51 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Boudreaux and Parish President Thibaut provided a brief overview of the proposed ordinance and discussed the history of the "No Wake Zone" on False River.

David James, 9099 False River Road, Oscar, Louisiana, addressed the Council regarding a letter circulated by a False River resident and asked whether the letter was part of the proposed ordinance. He expressed his opposition to restricting the "No Wake Zone," stating that such restrictions could negatively impact the many tourists who visit False River for recreational activities.

Mark Wilson, 7381 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, requested a legal interpretation of the ordinance's definition of "physical structure." Parish Attorney Dannie Garrett provided clarification, explaining the definition in accordance with Louisiana state law.

Council Member Jarreau inquired about the placement and distance of the buoys to obtain an accurate estimate of where the proposed "No Wake Zone" would begin.

Janet Steven, 7098 False River Road, Oscar, Louisiana, read a written statement to the Council outlining suggested solutions regarding the water level provisions of the proposed ordinance and expressed her strong support for not banning wake boats on False River.

Cheryl Decoteau, 6556 Island Road, Jarreau, Louisiana, expressed concerns regarding the placement of buoys and boaters not following the established rules on the river. She requested increased enforcement by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

President Thibaut explained the distance and placement of each buoy and noted that the buoys may shift from time to time. He further explained that the measurements are determined using GPS coordinates located within the buoys.

Mike Ewing, 8341 Highway 418, Batchelor, Louisiana, inquired about the allowable length and height requirements for the construction of a pier. Chairman Boudreaux explained that a permitting process is required for piers, which addresses the height and length requirements.

Sam Pernici, 8275 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, requested that the Council consider lowering the lake levels by six inches to one foot due to seasonal weather conditions.

Raymond Reaux, 2409 False River Road, New Roads, Louisiana, requested clarification regarding the term "physical structure" and questioned why the proposed ordinance specifies a distance of three hundred feet from the bank with no lesser distance allowed. He also inquired about whether a safety study had been conducted for the river. Vice Chairman Bergeron explained that the distance requirement was adopted by the State and that the Council is following state law.

Stephen Schorr, 9967 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, expressed his opposition to the installation of the buoys. He stated that he believes the buoys make the river appear narrower and that the proposed three-foot physical structure could create safety concerns, particularly if waterfront property owners choose to construct their piers close to that distance.

Tim Breaux, 9172 False River Road, Oscar, Louisiana, stated that he believes the biggest issue on the river is the number of weekend visitors who are unfamiliar with the boating rules. He noted that he frequently observes boats operating within the no-wake zone, which creates safety concerns. Mr. Breaux also stated that he assisted with the initial placement of the buoys and expressed his willingness to help reinstall them as soon as possible.

Deborah Maher, 6375 Island Road, Jarreau, Louisiana, inquired about the effectiveness of the rocks placed along the bulkheads and how much they have helped reduce turbulence on the river. She also suggested implementing restrictions on boat traffic when the water level reaches 17 feet. Parish President Major Thibaut responded that the rocks installed along the bulkheads have helped tremendously in reducing turbulence. There were no objections received orally or written to the ordinance.

Joyce Juneau, 6703 Island Road, Jarreau, Louisiana, stated that she does not have any concerns with wake boats. Rather, her primary concern is boats operating on the river when the water level is too high. She also inquired about enforcement and violations within the designated no-wake zones.

Martin Rinaudo, 10043 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, suggested that the Council conduct a survey and explore potential solutions regarding wake boats in an effort to develop an approach that allows everyone to enjoy the river safely and without concern.

Marla Dubois, 8136 False River Road, Oscar, Louisiana, requested clarification regarding the policy of opening the river when the water level reaches 17.5 feet and closing it at 18 feet.

Vice Chairman Bergeron explained that the river is closed at 18 feet for public safety. Parish President Major Thibaut further explained that the Parish uses a buffer zone between the opening and closing thresholds to prevent the river from repeatedly opening and closing as water levels fluctuate.

Danny Langlois, 9840 False River Road, stated that he supports the placement of buoys on False River, emphasizing that they are important for public safety and help protect boaters.
Donald Williams, 5123 Hebert Lane, Jarreau, Louisiana, expressed concerns regarding who is responsible for monitoring the designated no-wake zones. He also stated that his property had sustained damage caused by a wake boat. A representative from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries explained the process for reporting incidents involving property damage or accidents.

Vice Chairman Bergeron and Attorney Garrett suggested several amendments to the agenda.

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

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

> RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to make amendments to Chapter 6, Article IV of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, relative to swimming pools; and further provide with respect thereto be amended as introduced 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.

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

> RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to make amendments to Chapter 6, Article IV of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, relative to swimming pools; and further provide with respect thereto be adopted as amended 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ENACT CHAPTER 29 OF THE POINTE COUPEE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO FALSE RIVER, 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 Code of Ordinances, pertaining to False River; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 6:52 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at Parish Council Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Cade Melancon, 6118 Island Road, Jarreau, Louisiana, stated that he has observed damage caused by boat traffic when the river is at elevated levels. He suggested lowering the operational river level threshold to 15.5 feet to help reduce shoreline damage.

Mark Wilson, 7381 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, stated that since moving to False River in 2013, he has observed a significant increase in motorized watercraft on the river. He expressed concern that boats continue to cause property damage even when water levels are below the current 18-foot closure

threshold. Mr. Wilson requested that the river closure level be lowered at 17 feet to help reduce shoreline and property damage.

Janet Stevens, 7098 False River Road, Oscar, Louisiana, **stated** that she supports Mr. Wilson's recommendation to lower the river closure levels. She also shared that she has reviewed ordinances from other parishes and recommended that the Council research those ordinances and develop an ordinance tailored to the specific needs of Pointe Coupee Parish.

Paula Kleinpeter, 6998 False River Road, Oscar, Louisiana, stated that she would like the river closure level to be lowered to 17 feet, explaining that she experiences issues when the water level reaches 17.5 feet. She stated that she has video footage showing water coming through the boards of her deck as boats pass by. Ms. Kleinpeter also expressed her belief that many of the issues are caused by renters using the river.

Stephen Schorr, 9967 Island Road, Ventress, Louisiana, suggested that the river be closed only to recreational boating activities during high-water events, while allowing boats to be moved to land or for other necessary purposes. He also stated that he believes storm events, rather than boat traffic alone, are contributing to the deterioration of bulkheads. He suggests closing the river at 17 feet.

James Fitzgerald, 7766 Lance Street, Ventress, Louisiana, stated that he does not believe lowering the lake level is a good solution, expressing concern about the potential impact on residents whose properties are located in lower-lying areas.

Ellen McElroy, 12392 Pecan Island Road, Jarreau, Louisiana, stated that she resides on the south end of the river and supports maintaining the river at 16 and 17 feet as the operational water level thresholds.

Parish President Major Thibaut explained that there are two water level gauges used for monitoring the river: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gauge and the Morrison Parkway gauge. He noted that there is a 0.06-foot difference between the two gauges. President Thibaut recommended that the Council avoid making a hasty decision regarding changes to the ordinance and proceed with the current proposal. He stated that additional discussions and potential adjustments could be considered at a later date. President Thibaut further expressed that he believes the pool stage should remain unchanged due to the existing physical structures along False River. He added that the closure of the river is determined based on a seven-day forecast and that this process has worked effectively over the years, with assistance from an automatic gate door operated by Paul Armand.

Councilman Jarreau expressed his concerns on the water level. He thinks that if that Parish can get more aggressive pre-storm with closing the river, it can help reduce corrosion and help with the dump with the southern region of the Parish.

Vice Chairman Bergeron and Attorney Garrett suggested several amendments to the agenda.

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

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

> RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 29 of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, pertaining to False River; and further provide with respect thereto be amended as introduced 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.

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

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to enact Chapter 29 of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, pertaining to False River; and further provide with respect thereto be adopted as amended 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - AN INRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA OF ITS WATER REVENUE BOND (DEQ), THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance by the Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana of its Water Revenue Bond (DEQ); and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:49 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 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. Soulier:

RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance by the Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana of its Water Revenue Bond (DEQ); 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.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION - DENIAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A FOUR UNIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT 8163 WOODMEN LANE, VENTRESS, LOUISIANA 70783 FOR BEAU BERGERON

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

RESOLVED, That the from Planning & Zoning Commission denying special use permit for a four-unit residential building at 8163 Woodmen Lane, Ventress, Louisiana 70783 for Beau Bergeron be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING - APPROVAL OF RURAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REZONING REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF BIGMAN LANE IN OSCAR, SECTIONS 67 AND 84, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, FOR MOREAU LAND OF POINTE COUPEE, LLC (PARCEL NO. 00457710B)

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation from Planning & Zoning approving a Rural Planned Development Rezoning request for property located off Bigman Lane in Oscar, LA, Sections

67 and 84, Township 5 South, Range 10 East for Moreau Land of Pointe Coupee LLC (Parcel No. 00457710B) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING - APPROVAL OF MAJOR SUBDIVISION WITH VARIANCE REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF BIGMAN LANE IN OSCAR, SECTIONS 67 AND 84, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 10 EAST, FOR MOREAU LAND OF POINTE COUPEE, LLC (PARCEL NO. 00457710B)

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

RESOLVED, That the recommendation from Planning & Zoning approving a Major Subdivision with Variance request for property located off Bigman Lane in Oscar, LA, Sections 67 and 84, Township 5 South, Range 10 East, for Moreau Land of Pointe Coupee, LLC (Parcel No. 00457710B) be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Paul Bergeron, Kurt Jarreau, Martin Frey, Jimmy Laurent, Dannie Garrett, Jeremy Waldrop, Jay Mayeaux, Stephen Dabadie, Dan Wallace, and Thomas Cotten be appointed as members of the Fire Protection Committee.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - ACCEPTANCE OF 2025 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTED BY KOLDER, SLAVEN, & CO., LLC

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

RESOLVED, That the 2025 Annual Audit Report submitted by Kolder, Slaven, & Co., LLC. be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE NAMING PRIVATE ROAD "SOMMERS LANE" OFF OF ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS FOR E-911

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

RESOLVED, that a private road be named Sommers Lane off Island Road at Ventress, Louisiana for E-911 purposes be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPROVE NAMING PRIVATE ROADS "ASLEE STREET & SAWON STREET" OFF OF WOODMEN LANE AT VENTRESS FOR E-911

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

RESOLVED, that private roads be named Aslee Street and Sawon Street off of Woodmen Lane at Ventress, Louisiana be approved.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTER - APPEAL FOR 30 DAYS EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 3621 FORDOCHE ROAD, LIVONIA, LOUISIANA 70755 (PARCEL NO. 00828180C)

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

> RESOLVED, That the appeal for a 90 days extension of time for the condemnation and removal of a dangerous structure located at 3621 Fordoche Road, Livonia, Louisiana 70755 for April Chenevert Locke be approved.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Gaspard, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Courtney D. Hurst
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman