MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
September 8, 2026

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 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. Jimmie Gaspard, Sidney LaCoste, Edwin Soulier, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron, and Dustin Boudreaux.
ABSENT: Mr. Charles Watkins.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2026 SPECIAL AND AUGUST 11, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

> RESOLVED, That the minutes of July 28, 2026 Special and August 11, 2026 Regular Council 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 OCTOBER AS DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for "automatic" bodily functions such as, but not limited to: respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, bone marrow production, and temperature control; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia affects people of any age, gender, race or background, negatively impacting over 70 million people around the world, including many individuals living right here in our wonderful state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there are 15 different forms of dysautonomia that include Neuropathy, Vasovagal Syncope, Pure Autonomic Failure, and Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (commonly known as POTS), just to list a few, and people who have been diagnosed with some form of dysautonomia often have secondary conditions such as: Lupus, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, Sjogren's syndrome or Diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia can be very disabling and is a life changing diagnosis; this chronic illness can result in the inability to work or attend school, may cause social isolation, depression and/or anxiety, and it's not just physically affecting people, it's an emotionally and financially draining ailment as well, and extremely stressful on the families of those impacted; and

WHEREAS, Dysautonomia Louisiana Inc. is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia and those individuals suffering from its symptoms and still struggling for a diagnosis. Their goal is to bring much needed awareness to the community and information to the medical professionals across Louisiana, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients obtain an earlier diagnosis and treatment plan, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families already coping with dysautonomia in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DUSTIN BOUDREAUX, Chairman of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **October, 2026** as **DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish, and encourage all citizens to celebrate and bring awareness of Dysautonomia.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS – PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN: LARRY DAVIS, CANDIDATE FOR U.S. CONGRESS

Mr. Larry Davis, candidate for the U.S. Congressional District 6 seat, addressed the Council regarding his congressional campaign and his reasons for seeking office. He expressed his desire to represent the citizens of District 6 and serve as an advocate for communities in need of additional resources and assistance. Mr. Davis requested the support of the Council and the citizens of Pointe Coupee Parish during his campaign and expressed his appreciation to the Council for the opportunity to address them.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut provided updates and reported on the following:

- **August 2026 Financial Report:** Presented the August 2026 Financial Report, which included revenues from sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utility collections, and permit fees. As of August 31, 2026, total revenues were $21,240,551, total expenditures were -$14,867,123, fund balances totaled $18,862,338, and available end-of-year funds were projected at $25,235,766.
- **2025 Audit Report:** It was reported that all findings identified in the 2025 audit have been resolved.
- **Human Resources Report:** One employee termination was reported.
- **Animal Shelter Report:** President Thibaut gave a presentation introducing the Animal Shelter staff and provided an update on the progress of ongoing renovations, available programs, and established partnerships. He also expressed his appreciation to the Animal Shelter staff for their continued dedication, hard work, and support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were not public comments on agenda items.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE IMPOSITION OF FINES. (PUBLIC HEARING 10/13/26)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to make amendments to the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the imposition of fines; 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, October 13, 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.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) AN ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY CONTAINED IN THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND PROCEDURES MANUAL (PUBLIC HEARING 10/13/26)

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Section 1.2(D) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Policy Manual, relative to Equal Employment Opportunity and Anti-Harassment; providing for harassment, reporting of incidents, investigation and corrective action, retaliation, sexual harassment training and reporting requirements; 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, October 13, 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 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 5:50 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Soulier:

> 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron, and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.
On a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – AN INTRODUCED PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 OF THE POINTE COUPEE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, THEREAFTER, DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE ADOPTION

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Planning and Development; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:51 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 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. Bergeron and seconded by Mr. Bazile:

> RESOLVED, That the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 17 of the Pointe Coupee Code of Ordinances, pertaining to Planning and Development; 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, Jarreau, Bazile, Bergeron, and Boudreaux.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Watkins.
On a vote of 7-0-0-1, the motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ASSESSMENT

Chairman Boudreaux reported that he had spoken with Assessor Laurent, who confirmed that no appeals had been filed. Assessor Laurent also advised that work on the 2026 property assessments is still in progress. Upon completion, the assessments will be presented to the Council for consideration and approval.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – APPROVAL OF RE-SUBDIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF ANCHOR DRIVE IN VENTRESS, LOUISIANA FOR JODY B. VIDRINE

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

> RESOLVED, That the recommendation from Planning & Zoning approving of re-subdivision request for property located off of Anchor Drive in Ventress, Louisiana for Joby B. Vidrine be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – APPROVAL OF RE-SUBDIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF MILLER LANE IN VENTRESS, LOUISIANA FOR WATERFRONT LIVING, LLC

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

> RESOLVED, That the recommendation from Planning & Zoning approving of re-subdivision request for property located off of Miller Lane in Ventress, Louisiana for Waterfront Living, LLC be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – APPROVAL OF RE-SUBDIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF ISLAND ROAD IN JARREAU, LOUISIANA FOR CHARLES ST. ROMAIN

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

> RESOLVED, That the recommendation from Planning & Zoning approving of re-subdivision request for property located off of Island Road in Jarreau, Louisiana for Charles St. Romain be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

> Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program managed
> Through Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be

established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish Government:

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.

2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.

4. That the Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.

5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

6. That the Parish President is authorized to sign and submit financial activity reports on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish Government with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (E-911)

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Jadwin "Jay" Mayeaux be appointed as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District (E-911) for the remainder of Sheriff Rene Thibodeaux's term.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROLS GOVERANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Chairman Boudreaux informed the Council that Ms. Grace Hebert had resigned from Position F on the Library Board of Control. He further advised that a notice of the vacancy would be published in *The Banner* to solicit applications from interested individuals.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Dan Wallis addressed the Council regarding the recommendations of the Parish Fire Protection Committee. He expressed his appreciation to the committee members for their dedication, contributions, and continued efforts toward achieving the committee's goals.

Mr. Jay Mayeaux provided a presentation outlining the tasks and objectives established by the Council for both short-term and long-term completion. He discussed the current financial status of Fire Districts 1 and 2 along with Mr. Thomas Cotton, CPA, proposed courses of action, and the committee's recommendations moving forward. He answered any questions the Council had.

The following recommendations were presented:

1. **Financial Analysis:** Conduct a detailed financial analysis of all five fire districts.
2. **Millage Renewal:** Prepare for the Fire District 1 millage renewal scheduled for Spring 2027.
3. **Financial Stability:** Continue evaluating the financial positions of Fire Districts 1 and 2 to ensure long-term financial stability.
4. **Phase 2 Implementation:** Advance the committee's efforts to Phase 2, focusing on near-term changes to be addressed by December 31, 2026.

The Council expressed its sincere appreciation to the Parish Fire Protection Committee for its tireless efforts, dedication, and continued commitment to improving operations and working towards restoring financial stability within the Parish's fire districts.

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

> RESOLVED, That the recommendations from the Parish Fire Protection Committee be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. LaCoste and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Courtney D. Hurst
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman