MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL
October 13, 2026

The Pointe Coupee Parish Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, 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, Charles Watkins, Kurt Jarreau, Edward Bazile, Paul Bergeron, and Dustin Boudreaux.
ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

> **RESOLVED,** That the minutes of September 8, 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

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

> RESOLVED, That the revision to wording of agenda item #15 to read as follows:
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> - Special Matters – Appeal for extension of time of condemnations & removal of a dangerous structure located at 9056 Delta Place Road, New Roads, LA 70760 (parcel #00284930) for Dwayne Joseph.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS – INTRODUCE AMERICAN RED CROSS HELP IN THE COMMUNITY

Claudia Davis, representative of the American Red Cross, was unable to attend the meeting due to her deployment to another state to assist with hurricane response efforts.

PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parish President Thibaut provided updates and reported on the following:

- **September 2026 Financial Report:** Presented the September 2026 Financial Report, which included revenues from sales tax, ad valorem tax, severance tax, utility collections, and permit fees. As of September 30, 2026, total revenues were $22,533,775, total expenditures were -$17,562,471, fund balances totaled $18,862,338, and available end-of-year funds were projected at $23,833,642.
- **Human Resources Report:** One new hire, Adrien Webb, and one retirement, Michael Daigrepont.
- Entergy is requesting to attend either the November or December meeting to discuss an upcoming project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were not public comments on agenda items.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE TO BE USED AS PART OF THE FALSE RIVER AIRPORT (PUBLIC HEARING 11/10/26)

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, November 10, 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 amend and reenact Section1.2(D) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Policy Manual, relative to EEO and Anti-Harassment; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:38 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 and reenact Section1.2(D) of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government Personnel Policy Manual, relative to EEO and Anti-Harassment, pertaining to False River; thereafter, discussion and consideration of the adoption be accepted 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 MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE IMPOSITION OF FINES, 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 Code of Ordinances, relative to the imposition of fines; and further provide with respect thereto was conducted at 5:40 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 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 make amendments to the Pointe Coupee Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to the imposition of fines; thereafter, discussion and consideration of the adoption be accepted 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 REZONING REQUEST RURAL MIX USE LOCATED AT 9010 MANDELA DRIVE, NEW ROADS, LA FOR DONNYSIUS AND MARVIN KADOR

Dr. Monica Fabre, 8864 Mandela Drive, New Roads, LA, addressed the Council on behalf of the residents of Mandela Drive. She requested that the Council deny the rezoning request for a rural mixed-use permit, citing concerns regarding the safety, stability, and peacefulness of the neighborhood. Dr. Fabre also provided an overview of therapeutic group homes and explained the requirements established by the State of Louisiana for their operation.

Mrs. Donnysius Kador, P.O. Box 22, Oscar, LA, addressed the Council and began by acknowledging October as Cancer Awareness Month. She then requested that the Council overturn the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mrs. Kador stated that the Commission did not fully consider their request and instead focused solely on the property's mixed-use classification. She explained that they were requesting the property be considered a single-family residence, which she believes would be an ideal location for their proposed therapeutic group home.

Mrs. Kador read the State of Louisiana's requirements for obtaining and maintaining a therapeutic group home license. She also discussed various existing and previously approved uses of properties within the neighborhood, noting that several had been approved by the Parish and that some remain in operation.

In closing, Mrs. Kador expressed her appreciation to the Council for its consideration and flexibility on various matters. She specifically thanked several Council members for their attentiveness and willingness to listen each time she appeared before the Council.

Chairman Boudreaux explained the process regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation. He clarified that the purpose of the meeting was not to overturn the Commission's decision. Chairman Boudreaux further explained that the other property uses referenced by Mrs. Kador were established prior to the implementation of the Parish's zoning regulations in 2021. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Kador's intentions and advised them that they could explore the applicable use classifications outlined in the Parish's zoning ordinance to determine an appropriate classification for their proposed therapeutic group home.

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

> **RESOLVED,** That the recommendation from Planning & Zoning for a rural mix use rezoning request located at 9010 Mandela Drive, New Roads, LA for Donnysius and Marvin Kador be denied.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION - APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER(S) TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROLS

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

> **RESOLVED**, That Mmes. Charlotte Bonnette and Catherine Rachel be appointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control, with Mrs. Bonnette filling the unexpired term for Position F and Mrs. Rachel serving in Position E.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES CORP FOR A 2026 CATERPILLAR 308-08 HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR FOR $123,882.70

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

RESOLVED, That authorizes Parish President Thibaut to sign a lease purchase agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services Corp for a 2026 Caterpillar 308-08 Hydraulic Excavator for $123,882.70 be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Pointe Coupee Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Pointe Coupee Parish;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, convened in Regular Session on the 13th day of October, that it does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings;

3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which required load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and

4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.

5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

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 Saturday, October 31, 2026 in the rural area of the parish for children 12 years and under.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION – APPROVE ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR ALTON KENT EWING DBA LA EXPRESS 8, LLC AT BATCHELOR, LA

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

RESOLVED, That the alcohol permit for Alton Kent Ewing dba LA Express 8, LLC at Batchelor, LA be approved by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

Unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MATTERS – APPEAL FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF CONDEMNATION & REMOVAL OF A DANGEROUS STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 9056 DELTA PLACE ROAD, NEW ROADS, LA 70760 (PARCEL #00284930) FOR DWAYNE JOSEPH

Ms. Wendy Carnes addressed the Council on behalf of her brother, Dwayne Joseph, who was unable to attend the meeting. She requested a 90-day extension to allow Mr. Joseph additional time to make the necessary repairs and restore the mobile home to meet applicable code requirements.

Mr. Tommy Leonard informed the Council that he had inspected the mobile home and surrounding property and determined that substantial repairs would be necessary to bring the structure into compliance with applicable codes. He stated that he was not opposed to allowing the property owner an opportunity to restore the mobile home; however, he noted that a list of required improvements had been provided to the owner outlining the work necessary to obtain approval.

Parish President Major Thibaut recommended that the Council grant the requested 90-day extension, with the understanding that if significant improvements were not made within that period, the structure would be subject to demolition.

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

RESOLVED, That a 90-day extension be granted to Dwayne Joseph to make the necessary improvements to the dangerous structure located at 9056 Delta Place Road, New Roads, LA 70760 (Parcel No. 00284930), to bring the structure into compliance with applicable codes. Should significant improvements not be made within the 90-day period, the structure shall be subject to condemnation and removal.

Unanimously carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTICES, MEETINGS, ETC.

There were no announcements, notices, meetings, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Gaspard and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Courtney D. Hurst
Council Clerk

Dustin Boudreaux
Chairman