

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
January 13, 2015

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Melanie Bueche asked Juror Glenn Cline and employee Mark Clement, who are ill, be remembered in prayer.

President Melanie Bueche called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. John Pourciau, Clifford Nelson, Allen Monk, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Messrs. Albert Dukes, Russell Polar, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Justin Cox.

ABSENT: Mr. Glenn Cline.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

President Bueche announced that nominations were in order for the election of a President and Vice President.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie Bueche be nominated and elected President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That nominations for President be closed.

Unanimously carried.

President Bueche thanked the Jury for their support and reappointment as President.

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Janet Vosburg be nominated and elected Vice President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

RESOLVED, That nominations for Vice President be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Vice President Vosburg thanked the Jury for their support and reappointment as Vice President.

ADOPT MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 9, 2014 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR HERBERT CARTER, SR. AND EVA G. GARWOOD

Jurors Monk and Cox presented the following expression of sympathy resolutions to the family of Herbert Carter, Sr. and Mrs. Eva Garwood:

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Monk:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Joseph Herbert Carter, Sr. and Mrs. Eva G. Garwood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert Carter, Sr. was a native of McCrea and resident of Lettsworth and Pointe Coupee Parish for 104 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Eva G. Garwood was a native of Livonia and resident of Fordoche and Pointe Coupee Parish for 74 years; and

WHEREAS, their presence will be sadly missed by their family and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Mr. Herbert Carter, Sr. and Mrs. Eva G. Garwood this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO LIVONIA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Juror Jarreau presented an achievement of excellence plaque to Livonia High School in recognition of the Football Team as winners of the 2014 Class 3A State Championship Athletic Association Allstate Sugar Bowl Prep Classic. Coach Guy Mistretta and members of the team were in attendance to receive the plaque.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO NRG ENERGY, INC., H.O.P.E. MINISTRY OF POINTE COUPEE AND POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL ON AGING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS & PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE FOR DONATIONS TO THE NEEDY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Juror Nelson deferred this matter until their meeting in February.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO LRS 42:17(A)(2) EEOC CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION ALBERT SNEED VS POLICE JURY AND PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO LRS 42:17(A)(2) BEVERLY FRANCOIS VS POLICE JURY RELATIVE TO A CLAIM OF VIOLATION OF THE LA EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN ACT

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Polar:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury convene in executive session at 5:34 p.m. pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(2) EEOC Charge of Discrimination Albert Sneed vs Police Jury and executive session pursuant to LRS 42:17(A)(2) Beverly Francois vs Police Jury relative to a claim of violation of the LA Equal Pay for Women Act.

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Pourciau, Nelson, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Cox, A. Dukes, Polar and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Cline and Jarreau.

On a vote of 10-0-2, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury return to open session at 5:51 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION FOR ACTION WITH REGARD TO SCOTT CIVIC CENTER

Attorney Dannie Garrett gave an update and consideration of authorization for action with regard to the Scott Civic Center that is jointly owned by the Police Jury and the City of New Roads.

Parish Administrator John Grezaffi reported on obtaining a proposal from Mr. Brent Loupe to conduct an appraisal of the properties at False River Recreation Park.

After further comments from Jurors, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That Attorney Dannie Garrett be authorized to contact the City of New Roads to obtain a decision within 30 days regarding their commitment to share half the cost of the appraisal of the Scott Civic Center and properties at False River Recreation Park, and asked that the Civic Center Commission schedule a meeting forthwith to discuss the employment of the staffing service at the Civic Center.

The President called for a roll call vote that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, A. Dukes, Polar, Jarreau, Pourciau, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mmes Vosburg and Bueche.

NAYS: None.

PRESENT,

NOT VOTING: Mr. Nelson.

ABSENT: Mr. Cline.

On a vote of 10-0-1-1, the motion carried.

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE PROJECTS IN JUROR DISTRICT 8

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois gave an update on drainage projects in Police Juror District 8 and other districts and areas of the parish.

Juror Polar thanked Parish Administrator Grezaffi and Roads Maintenance Supervisor Herman Jack for assisting him after working hours with the drainage problems in Pleasant View Subdivision during the recent heavy rainfall.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE SOLID WASTE FEE

Attorney Garrett discussed the consideration of a resolution to change and increase the solid waste fee by 2% (\$.37) from \$18.50 to \$18.87 per month, which was recommended in the 2015 budget.

Juror Cox stated he was against increasing the solid waste fee, and they needed to look at the Police Jury internally before increasing and passing on fees to the constituents.

After discussion, the Jury agreed to review the CPI in March before considering an increase of the solid waste fee. Also, the Jury instructed Attorney Garrett to craft an amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance to include a section to adjust the solid waste fee when the CPI increases and introduce at their next meeting.

INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE GAS FEE

Attorney Garrett gave an overview of the ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to change the gas fee by 2% (\$3.135 to \$3.198)per MCF.

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Nelson:

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish Code of Ordinances be amended and reenacted by amending Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-3, regarding increasing the natural gas rates by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at the Police Jury 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.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF POINTE COUPEE COMMUNITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, INC.

Juror A. Dukes discussed the Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc. not having a meeting in six (6) months. He stated the Jury has a rule that if you miss three (3) consecutive meetings you are terminated from a committee, commission and board.

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Polar:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Peter Williams, President, be terminated as a member of the Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc., due to missing three (3) consecutive meetings and the Vice President assume his duties.

Unanimously carried.

ROAD REPAIR FOR PECAN ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Parish Administrator Grezaffi reported on a request from Juror Cline for road repairs to Church Lane at Jarreau that will be used as an access road during repairs of the Pecan Island LA DOTD Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury proceed with repairs to Church Lane at Jarreau that will be used as an access road during repairs to the bridge at Pecan Island for

LA DOTD Off-System Bridge Replacement Program that will be funded by Juror Cline's allowance from the Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program at a cost estimate of \$30,000.00.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF RELOCATING VOTING PRECINCTS 8A & 8B FROM ROSENWALD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AS PER REQUEST OF SCHOOL BOARD

Juror C. Dukes reported on correspondence and a request from the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board to relocate voting precincts 8A & 8B from Rosenwald Elementary School.

Juror A. Dukes, who represents majority of the voters at the precincts, received approval to allow Parish Administrator Grezaffi to obtain a cost estimate to place a portable building behind Rosenwald Elementary to relocate the precincts.

DRAINAGE & EROSION PROBLEMS ALONG PORTAGE CANAL ON PROPERTY OF GEORGE LACOUR AT NEW ROADS

Juror A. Dukes and Parish Administrator Grezaffi reported on resolving the drainage and erosion problems along Portage Canal on property of Mr. George LaCour at New Roads.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF PERFORMING A STUDY FOR LEVEE TOP IMPROVEMENTS AT THE OLD FERRY LANDING

Juror Polar and Parish Administrator Grezaffi discussed consideration of performing a study for Levee Top Improvements at the Old Ferry Landing. They reported on a meeting with officials from the City of Port Allen to discuss and tour the Levee Top Improvements at Port Allen. Floodplain Administrator Langlois offered assistance with this project.

Motion by Mr. Polar and seconded by Mr. A. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury proceed with performing a study for Levee Top Improvements at the Old Ferry Landing.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING FOR MARDI GRAS

Juror A. Dukes asked the Jury to consider restoring funding for Mardi Gras to the carnival organizations in the parish, which is a major event and economic development in the parish. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Jarreau:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury restore funding of \$1,500.00 per each carnival organization in the parish for Mardi Gras.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION--APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Polar:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Joseph Gosserand be appointed to serve as a member of the False River Air Park Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Dollie Wright.

Substitute motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Michael Gusky be appointed to serve as a member of the False River Air Park Commission to replace Mrs. Dollie Wright.

The President called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Pourciau, Monk, Olinde, C. Dukes, Mrs. Vosburg, Messrs. Cox, Jarreau, and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: Messrs. Nelson, A. Dukes and Polar.

ABSENT: Mr. Cline.

On a vote of 8-3-1, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Monk and seconded by Mr. Pourciau:

RESOLVED, That the following appointments and/or reappointments to various committees, commissions and boards be approved by the Police Jury:

Appointment of a Member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1

Mrs. Shirley Best, Messrs. John Edmond and Duncan Massicot (two-year term)

Appointment of a Member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 2

Mr. Lyndon Leonards (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3

Mrs. Melba Aguilard and Mr. Ray Barentine (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control

Mmes Grace Hebert (Position F) and Philomena Fontenot (Position C) (five-year term)& Mr. Don Ewing to fill unexpired term of Mrs. Lauren Meadows (Position A) (three-year term)

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Mosquito Abatement Commission

Dr. Dana Gosserand (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to Museum Committee

Mmes Jeanette Derosin, Gail Hurst, Martha Stoute, Messrs. Stuart Braud and Randy Harleson (three-year term)

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission

Messrs. Johnny Pinsonat & Scot Byrd (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Port

Mr. Owen J. Bello (three-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Sewerage District No. 1

Mmes Joetta Hunter, Jacqueline Pearson, Joyce Scott, Messrs. Roger Dixon & John Jeanpierre (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Sewerage District No. 3A

Mrs. Geraldine Simmons, Messrs. Henry Ell & Landry Jeanpierre (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Sewerage District No. 6

Mrs. Alma Ashford, Messrs. Angelo Fabre & Lawrence Smith (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Tourist Commission

Mmes Mary Denny, Pat Dial, Brenda Jasmin, Augusta Ladmirault, Nora Palmer, Messrs. David Jarreau and Wilmer Moore (three-year term).

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1

Messrs. Freddie Solomon (one-year term), Randall Jarreau&John Smith, (two-year term).

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2

Mr. Mark Major (one-year term).

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. A. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Cox:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Gregory Johnson be reappointed to Seat “B” as a member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

Substitute motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by _____:

RESOLVED, That Mr. George Miller be appointed to Seat “B” as a member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 for a two-year term.

Motion died, due to lack of a second.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FROM PEC FOR ROAD PATCHING – CONTRACT 3 PROJECT, REGIONAL FENCE LINE MONITORING PROJECT, BAYOU SERE ADDITIONAL RIP RAP & PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION - PHASE I SOUTH FLATS

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$396.30 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for Contract No. 3 – Road Patching Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$1,136.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for Regional Fence Line Monitoring Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$800.00 and \$4,096.86 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for engineering services for Bayou Sere Drainage Improvements – Phase 2 (additional rip rap) be approved for payment and Request for Disbursement to Facility Planning & Control be approved; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon the recommendation of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation, an invoice in the amount of \$250,078.24 (Pay Estimate No. 2) submitted by RLB Contracting, Inc. for False River Ecosystem Restoration - Phase I South Flats Project be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PEC TO BEGIN PERMITTING PROCESS FOR GAS MAIN ADDITION FOR POINTE COUPEE GAS DISTRICT NO. 1

Motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Olinde:

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to begin the permitting process for the gas main addition for Pointe Coupee Gas District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE JURY TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF BOND ATTORNEY DAVID HENDERSON FOR FUNDING OF GAS MAIN ADDITION FOR POINTE COUPEE GAS DISTRICT NO. 1

Motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury retain the services of Bond Attorney David Henderson for funding of the gas main addition for Pointe Coupee Gas District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL TO REPLACE 1,300 FT. OF PVC GAS MAIN & INSTALL 15 NEW SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS ON LEJEUNE ROAD AT FRISCO

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Nelson:

RESOLVED, That the low proposal of \$37,530.00 submitted by Feliciana Welders, Inc. to replace 1,300 ft. of PVC Gas Main and install 15 new services to customers on LeJeune Road at Frisco be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL TO REPLACE 1,100 FT. OF PVC GAS MAIN & INSTALL 18 NEW SERVICES TO CUSTOMERS ON PURPERA ROAD AT INNIS

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Nelson:

RESOLVED, That the low proposal of \$38,910.00 submitted by Feliciana Welders, Inc. to replace 1100 ft. of PVC Gas Main and install 18 new services to customers on Purpera Road at Innis be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF 2015 ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Motion by Mr. Pourciau and seconded by Mrs. Pourciau:

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to proceed with the necessary plans and specification for the 2015 Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO SEND LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO DELTA LAND SERVICES FOR DONATION OF TREES FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. C. Dukes:

RESOLVED, That a letter of appreciation be sent to Delta Land Services for the donation of 300 cypress trees to be planted in False River for False River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOY MR. HERBERT TERRANCE AS LABORER AND MR. ORLANDO GREMILLION AS EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

Motion by Mr. C. Dukes and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Herbert Terrance be employed as a Laborer at an annual salary of \$20,808.00, Pay Grade 201, Step I; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. Orlando Gremillion be employed as Equipment Operator I at the Recreation Department at an annual salary of \$21,796.00, Pay Grade 202, Step I.

Unanimously carried.

ELIMINATE JOB TITLE OF GROUNDSKEEPER, MERGE JOB DESCRIPTION OF GROUNDSKEEPER WITH EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I, & TRANSFER EMPLOYEES FROM GROUNDSKEEPER TO EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I AT THE MINIMUM PAY GRADE 202, STEP 1

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg:

RESOLVED, That the job title of Groundskeeper be eliminated; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the job description of Groundskeeper be merged with Equipment Operator I; and be it

RESOLVED further, That employees be transferred from Groundskeeper to Equipment Operator I at a minimum Pay Grade 202, Step I.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mrs. Vosburg and seconded by Mr. Pourciau, the meeting adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President