

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
March 10, 2015

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

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

PRESENT: Messrs. Clifford Nelson, Kyle Olinde, Mrs. Janet Vosburg, Messrs. Justin Cox, Albert Dukes, Russell Polar, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: Messrs. John Pourciau, Allen Monk, Cornell Dukes and Glenn Cline.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 24, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR MOREL HENDERSON, FREDDIE "JOEY" MCCLENDON AND STEPHANIE W. SCHEXNAYDER

Juror Olinde and President Bueche presented the following expression of sympathy resolutions to the families of Morel Henderson, father-in-law of employee Ken Vosburg, CPA Freddie "Joey" McClendon of Faulk & Winkler, LLC and Attorney Stephanie W. Schexnayder, wife of CPA Mike Schexnayder of Postlewaithe & Netterville:

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Morel J. Henderson, Freddie Joseph "Joey" McClendon and Mrs. Stephanie Waguespack Wall Schexnayder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morel J. Henderson was a native and resident of Cottonport and Avoyelles Parish for 79 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Freddie Joseph "Joey" McClendon was a native and resident of Prairieville and Ascension Parish for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Stephanie Waguespack Wall Schexnayder was a native of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish and a resident of Gonzales and Ascension Parish for 45 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 families of Mr. Morel J. Henderson, Mr. Freddie Joseph "Joey" McClendon and Mrs. Stephanie Waguespack Wall Schexnayder these resolutions of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AWARD (JOHN LINDSLY)

Juror Olinde presented an employee anniversary service award to employee John Lindsly for 20 years of dedicated service.

PHYSICAL ADDRESSING SYSTEM

Parish Assessor James Laurent, Jr. reported on a comprehensive, state of the art physical addressing system that identifies all addressable structures in the parish with a GPS coordinate. The system will enhance the operations of the first responders for fire, police and ambulance services, as well as, benefitting all governmental entities in the parish.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

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

**PROCLAMATION
American Red Cross Month 2015**

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross has touched many lives in Pointe Coupee Parish, as well as across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month, we thank those who contribute to the mission of the Red Cross, whether through time, money or blood, and we invite others to support the Red Cross in helping people in need down the street, across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is synonymous with helping people, and has been doing so for more than 130 years. Throughout the past year, the American Red Cross launched hundreds of disaster relief operations in the United States to help people affected by fires, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. The American Red Cross also supported major international disasters, including the Japan earthquake and tsunami response, while continuing its work on the 2010 Haiti earthquake response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, in Pointe Coupee Parish, the Red Cross works tirelessly through its employees and volunteers to support us when disaster strikes, when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It provides 24-hour support to members of the military, veterans and their families, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety and first aid; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years, United States presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. Our community depends on the American Red Cross and because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially important in these challenging economic times - which impact the Red Cross and many people in our community and across the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Parish of Pointe Coupee and the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as **AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH** and do hereby urge all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

Parish Engineer Gerald Babin of Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC) gave an update and presented a photo journal of the False River Ecosystem Restoration – Phase I South Flats Project in the parish.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKE LEVEL MANAGEMENT OF FALSE RIVER FOR PURPOSES OF EROSION CONTROL OF LEVEE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SOUTH FLATS AS IT RELATES TO THE FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

State Representative Major Thibaut of the False River Watershed Council presented a

recommendation requesting consideration of the Jury for the management of the lake water level of False River between 14.5 ft. - 15 ft. until May 1, 2015 for the purposes of erosion control of the levee constructed in the south flats as it relates to the False River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

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

RESOLVED, That upon recommendations of the False River Watershed Council, the management of the lake water level of False River be set between 14.5 ft. - 15 ft. above sea level until May 1, 2015 for the purposes of erosion control of the levee constructed in the south flats as it relates to the False River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Unanimously carried.

PENDING INFORMATION ON MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE CIVIC CENTER

Attorney Dannie Garrett discussed pending information on the management and operations of the Civic Center, and the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement being revised and forwarded to the City of New Roads for their approval. He reported the appraiser is proceeding with the appraisal of the Civic Center and recreation property which the cost will be shared equally between the Jury and City.

REVIEW CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENTS

Attorney Garrett commented on his review and report for amendments to Chapters 1-12 of the Code of Ordinances for the parish. He stated Attorney Leo Hamilton will be submitting his report and recommendations for amendments to the remaining chapters of the code.

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

RESOLVED, That Attorney Dannie Garrett be authorized to draft amendments to Chapters 1-12 of the Code of Ordinances for the parish.

Unanimously carried.

FY 2014-2015 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois of PEC requested approval to submit a FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) application with LA Division of Administration, Office of Community Development to perform a water line extension to Old River Landing at a cost of \$84,000.00 for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2.

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to submit a FY-2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) application with LA Division of Administration, Office of Community Development to perform a water line extension to Old River Landing at a cost of \$84,000.00 for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON PRECINCTS 8A & 8B

President Bueche updated the Jury and stated the Pointe Coupee Parish School Board has agreed to keep voting precincts 8A & 8B at Rosenwald School for the 2015 elections. A letter of thanks will be sent to the school board.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH LA STATE POLICE TROOP "A" FOR THE LACE PROGRAM

Juror Cox gave an overview and benefits of entering into an agreement with the LA State Police Troop A to continue and establish the Local Agency Compensated Enforcement (LACE) Detail in the parish and will review progress of the program in four (4) months. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police (Troop A) to establish a Local Agency Compensated Enforcement (LACE) Detail in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

REVIEW PC RECREATION CONCESSIONS CONTRACT

Juror Vosburg reviewed the PC Recreation concessions contract with the Jury. There were no objections to the contract.

RESOLUTIONS:

AWARD PROPOSAL FOR OPERATION OF CONCESSION FOR PC REC

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Mrs. Vicky Kay Smith for operating the concession at PC False River Recreation Park with thirty percent (30%) of gross sales to be remitted to the Jury be accepted and provide proof of general liability insurance to the Jury for operating the concession; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the contract agreement between the Police Jury and Mrs. Vicky Kay Smith for operating the concession at False River Recreation Park.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INVOICES FOR SJB GROUP, LLC FOR NEW ROADS SEWER PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$3,915.00 submitted by SJB Group, LLC for professional engineering and surveying services provided for the LRA--CDBG Hurricanes Gustav/Ike New Roads Sewer Improvements Back Up Pumps/Sewer Lift Stations be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINT TOMMY LEONARD AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND GERALDINE SIMMONS A MEMBER OF THE POINTE COUPEE HOUSING ORGANIZATION

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Tommy Leonard be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Planning Commission, and Mrs. Geraldine Simmons be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc. as representative of Police Juror District 3.

Unanimously carried.

RATIFY REPLACEMENT OF PVC GAS MAIN WITH PE GAS PIPE ON BIGMAN LANE

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury ratify the replacement of a 2” PVC gas main line with a 2” PE gas main line and all services on Bigman Lane at Oscar by Feliciana Welders at a cost of \$39,780.00 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. A. Duke and seconded by Mrs. Vosburg, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President