

**MINUTES  
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY  
January 11, 2016**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2016, 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. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Kyle Olinde, Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Anthony Hurst, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: None.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

Mr. Bazile nominated Mr. Dukes for President and Mr. Jarreau nominated Mr. Cox for President.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for President be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Dukes: Messrs. Taylor, Olinde, Dukes, Bazile, Hurst and Mrs. Bueche.

Mr. Cox: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Smith, Cox, Cline and Jarreau.

Total Vote: 6-6

Mr. Hurst asked for a recount of votes as follows:

Mr. Dukes: Messrs. Taylor, Olinde, Dukes, Bazile, Hurst and Mrs. Bueche.

Mr. Cox: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Smith, Cox, Cline and Jarreau.

Total Vote: 6-6

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury postpone the election of a president for six (6) months and keep the current President, Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche.

Substitute motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Cline:

RESOLVED, That the two (2) previously nominated candidates for President make a statement about their vision and reason for running before voting on the original motion.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline and Jarreau.

NAYS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Olinde, Dukes, Smith, Bazile, Hurst and Mrs. Bueche.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 3-9, the motion failed.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Bazile, Jarreau, Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Olinde, Dukes, Smith and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: Mr. Hurst.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 11-1, the motion carried.

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

Mr. Olinde nominated Mr. Dukes for Vice President and Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Smith for Vice President.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for Vice President be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Dukes: Messrs. Taylor, Olinde, Dukes, Bazile, Hurst, Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

Mr. Smith: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Smith, Cox and Cline.

Total Vote: 7-5, Mr. Dukes was declared nominated Vice President.

Vice President Dukes thanked the Jury for their support and appointment.

President Bueche thanked the Jury for their support and reappointment.

Juror Jarreau congratulated President Bueche and Vice President Dukes on their appointments.

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

Mr. Langlois nominated Mrs. Becky Mayeux for Treasurer, seconded by Mr. Taylor.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for Treasurer be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Mayeux was declared nominated Treasurer.

Treasurer Mayeux thanked the Jury for their support and reappointment as Treasurer.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 8, 2015 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION--EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR WINONA SAMSON LORIO

Vice President Dukes presented the following expression of sympathy resolution to the family of Winona Samson Lorio:

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mrs. Winona Samson Lorio; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Winona Samson Lorio was a native of Mix and resident of Lakeland and Pointe Coupee Parish for 92 years; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the family of Mrs. Winona Samson Lorio this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

REPORT FROM OEP DIRECTOR CONCERNING RISING MISSISSIPPI RIVER STATUS

Assistant Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) Director Mark Ward gave a status report on the rising Mississippi River. He announced the Corps of Engineers will not be opening the gates at the Morganza Spillway on Thursday.

UPDATE FROM CONTRACTOR REGARDING ROAD REPAIRS IN THE PARISH

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois of PEC, Messrs. Fred McClain and Blake Bottger of Coastal Bridge Company (Contractor) gave an update and addressed concerns from the Jury regarding the road repairs in the parish.

SET DATE AND TIME OF POLICE JURY MEETINGS

The Jury discussed setting the date and time of the Police Jury meetings in 2016. President Bueche reported the Jury meetings have been set for second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Juror Langlois suggested changing the meetings date to the second and fourth Thursday. Other Jurors suggested moving the time to 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. The Jury tabled this matter for discussion and approval at their next meeting.

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION UPON RESOLUTION AS TO AUTHORITY OF POLICE JURY PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OF A PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

President Bueche discussed and requested consideration of the Jury giving her authority to take action, along with the supervisors, in the absence of a parish administrator.

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

RESOLVED, That the President be given the authority to take appropriate actions of the Jury during the absence of a parish administrator and to notify and update Jurors accordingly.

Unanimously carried.

REQUEST JURY TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY LEO HAMILTON TO ASSIST WITH AMALIE ACRES PROJECT

President Bueche requested approval of the Jury to authorize Attorney Leo Hamilton to assist with Amalie Acres Project in her district. Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois gave an overview of the drainage problem in Amalie Acres and Terrace Street.

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

RESOLVED, That Attorney Leo Hamilton be authorized and tasked to assist the Police Jury with Amalie Acres Project.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF PICKING UP TREE LIMBS BY BOUDREAUX’S TRUCKING

President Bueche discussed the process of picking up tree limbs and branches by Boudreaux’s Trucking and problems with citizens cutting down a whole tree for pick up by Mr. Boudreaux, which is prohibited.

President Bueche suggested sending letters to contractors about cutting whole trees off of private properties and placing near the road for Boudreaux Trucking to pick up is prohibited. Also, send letters to municipalities advising them about cutting and placing whole trees along the roadside for pick up by Boudreaux’s. After discussion, the Jury asked that Mr. Lionel Boudreaux be invited to the next Jury meeting to address this matter further.

RESOLUTION--APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Dukes:

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on December 21, 2015, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition to-wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall Fire Protection District No.1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the District), levy a special tax of three and fifty-one hundredths (3.51) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$246,700 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other firefighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Cline:

RESOLVED, That Mr. Mark Ramagos be reappointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Ashley Pourciau, Steve Stelly and Frank Bonds be reappointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Donald Chenevert be reappointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Ms. Wylene Hurst be reappointed (Position D) to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control for a five-year term.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That Messrs. John Ewing (four-year term) and Wade O'Neal (three-year term) be reappointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mmes Molly Jones and Bernadine Louis be reappointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Sewerage District No. 6 for a three-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Ray Jarreau (two-year term) and Freddie Solomon (one-year term) be reappointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Ewineya Hall be reappointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc. representing Juror District 1 for a four-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Dr. Paul Rachal and Mr. Miles Brashier be reappointed for a two-year term, and Messrs. John Grezaffi and Mark Carriere be appointed for a three-year term to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners of the Pointe Coupee Parish Mosquito Abatement District.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Hurst:

RESOLVED, That Mmes Paula Richard and Renee Major be reappointed to serve as members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Museum Committee for a three-year term.

Unanimously carried.

Juror Langlois voiced concerns about three (3) of the five (5) letters submitted after the advertised deadline for consideration of being appointed to Fire District No. 1 Board to fill two (2) vacancies. Juror Langlois questioned whether the Jury was going to abide by the deadline as advertised when accepting names. Juror Langlois commented on litigation issues with some of the candidates with the fire department and was advised by Attorney Garrett that the Jury was not prohibited from appointing them or not required to appoint them to the board. After discussion, the Jury agreed in the future to follow the deadline as advertised when accepting letters for appointments to boards, commissions and committees.

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Robert Allen be reappointed and Marvin Losavio be appointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Kim Neal be appointed (Seat A) to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Dr. Donald Doucet and Mrs. Juliet Williams be reappointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Juror Anthony Hurst be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Juror Stephen Smith be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District No. 1 Board for a six-year term.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Messrs. Tommy Montgomery (two-year term) and Mark Major (one-year term) be reappointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INVOICES FROM PEC FOR FOUR (4) PARISH INTERIM BRIDGE INSPECTIONS, FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT, FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION – PHASE I SOUTH FLATS, 2015 ROAD MAINTENANCE & REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND HGA FOR IKE/GUSTAV DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$4,400.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for four (4) Parish Interim Bridge Inspections be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$7,324.68 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$120,201.60 submitted by RLB Contracting, Inc. for the False River Ecosystem Restoration – Phase I South Flats Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That invoices in the amount of \$670,470.86 and \$210,114.82 submitted by Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for the 2015 Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$19,535.85 (Interim Billing #56) submitted by Hunt Guillot & Associates, LLC for professional services for Hurricanes Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF ROBERT RULES OF ORDER

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury adopt the Robert Rules of Order for their meetings.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH DOTD FOR MITIGATE OBSTRUCTIONS – PHASE V AT FALSE RIVER REGIONAL AIRPORT

Airport Manager Yvonne Chenevert introduced the following resolution for approval:

Motion by Mr. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Smith:

A resolution authorizing the President to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the False River Regional Airport.

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD to/for Mitigate Obstructions – Phase V; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Mitigate Obstructions – Phase V and reimburse the sponsor up to \$161,195.00 of project cost: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, to execute an Agreement for the project identified as SPN H.011983, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto; and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT (TRACTOR & LAWNMOWER) AT MULTI-USE CENTER

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Smith:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury advertise for bids in the official journal for the sale of surplus equipment (tractor) at the Pointe Coupee Multi-Use Center.

Unanimously carried.

After discussion, the Jury suggested transferring the lawnmower to the Detention Center.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A SKID-STEER LOADER FOR THE MULTI-USE CENTER

Motion by Mr. Cline and seconded by Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That the purchase of a Skid-Steer Loader at a cost of \$31,039.22 for the Pointe Coupee Multi-Use Center be purchased that is being funded by a grant from the Pennington Foundation.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AMENDED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LA FACILITY PLANNING & CONTROL FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to execute the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury and the LA Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control for the reallocation of funds for the False River Ecosystem Restoration Project.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The Jury agreed no actions were needed on the recommendations.

APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR LRA HURRICANE GUSTAV/IKE DISASTER RECOVERY PROJECT NO. 10 – LA HWY. 411 DRAINAGE

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

RESOLVED, That LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 10 – LA Highway 411 Drainage Project be accepted as substantially complete; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 10 – LA Highway 411 Drainage Project

Unanimously carried.



APPROVAL FOR JIMMY TERRELL TO CLEAN, REPAIR AND PAINT FLAG POLES

Treasurer Mayeux reported that Building Maintenance Supervisor Ken Vosburg inspected the flag poles and reported they did not need any cleaning, repairing and painting. Juror Jarreau asked that Mr. Vosburg submit his findings in writing.

SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CONTINUE FUNDING LSU AGCENTER OFFICES

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

A RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR THE LSU AGCENTER OFFICES AND FURTHER REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE JURY ASSOCIATION OF LOUISIANA AND ALL PARISH GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATE FOR SAID POSITION

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury urges and requests that the Governor, State legislators, and the Louisiana Board of Regents fully fund the LSU AgCenter (LSUAC) at the same level of State appropriations due to the critical economic development and educational services they provide in all 64 Louisiana parishes; and

WHEREAS, agricultural research developed through the experiment stations and delivery of research through the Cooperative Extension Service is vital and necessary to provide the technology to help farmers and ranchers provide a high quality, safe and affordable food supply for Louisiana people; and

WHEREAS, agricultural research and cooperative extension outreach is vital and necessary to provide the technology to support agricultural production and development related jobs in Louisiana, an industry worth over \$30 Billion to the Louisiana economy; and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter's off campus research stations provide core research support for Louisiana farmers and ranchers; and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter's Cooperative Extension Service is a Parish partner providing research-based information to farmers, ranchers, and citizens throughout the state through 64 parish-based offices that are provided by local government; and

WHEREAS, over 130 local police juries, consolidated governments, school boards, district attorneys and sheriffs in Louisiana are currently participating in and supporting cooperative agreements with the LSU AgCenter supporting Parish level programs; and

WHEREAS, the LSU AgCenter implements a very effective 4-H youth development program impacting over 225,000 children in all 64 parishes and this program is vital to the education and life skill development of Louisiana youth; and

WHEREAS, the AgCenter's family and consumer Science programs provide critical information to families on nutrition, healthy lifestyles, financial management, and childhood development; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, research-based information is developed and transferred through an effective system in every parish using grass roots advisory councils that identify local needs, based on citizen involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does hereby urge the support of Legislation to continue funding for the LSU AgCenter Offices and further requests the support of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana and all Parish Governments of the State for said position.

Unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Secretary

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Melanie L. Bueche  
President