

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
March 8, 2016

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Cornell Dukes called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Gordon Taylor, Mrs. Melanie Bueche, Messrs. Stephen Smith, Kyle Olinde, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Cornell Dukes. Arrived after roll call: Messrs. Justin Cox and Anthony Hurst.

ABSENT: None.

As President of the Jury, Juror Cornell Dukes will generally abstain unless his vote will alter the outcome on a matter by voting to break or make a tie.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of February 25, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO TEMPORARILY MOVE THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCTS 5 & 6 FROM ST. ANN'S CHURCH HALL TO FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 STATION AT MORGANZA

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to change and temporarily move the location of the polling place for Precincts 5 & 6 from St. Ann's Church Hall to Fire District No. 2 Station, 151 Sansone Street, Morganza, Louisiana for the April 9, 2016 election was held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:36 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana.

Juror Langlois reported the change is being made because the church reserved the hall for their 100th year Centennial Celebration on said date.

There were no objections received, orally nor written.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO TEMPORARILY MOVE THE LOCATION OF THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCTS 5 & 6 FROM ST. ANN'S CHURCH HALL TO FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 STATION AT MORGANZA

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee to change and temporarily move the location of the polling place for Precincts 5 & 6 from St. Ann's Church Hall to the Fire District No. 2 Station, 151 Sansone Street, Morganza, Louisiana for the April 9, 2016 election be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. Hurst.

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

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT USER FEES

President Miles Brashier reported on the need and requested the Jury's support of the PC Mosquito Abatement District to increase their user fee by \$.50 for the mosquito spraying program from \$2.00 to \$2.50 monthly. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

WHEREAS, the mosquito spraying program is vital to the reduction of diseases caused by mosquitos; and

WHEREAS, the parish's mosquito abatement district, due to rising expenses, is considering a proposal to increase the monthly user fee from \$2.00 to \$2.50; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury recognizes the importance of said program and the need for said fee increase.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury that this Jury hereby supports the Pointe Coupee Mosquito Abatement District's proposal to increase by fifty cents its monthly user fee.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON POYDRAS FUNDS

The update on Poydras Funds was tabled.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 8-31B OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REMOVE THE SUNSET CLAUSE FROM THE DRAINAGE IMPACT FEE

Juror Cox questioned why President Dukes removed his item from the agenda regarding the discussion of continuous complaints about poor service of solid waste collection by Progressive Waste without any discussion with him.

President Dukes stated he would allow Juror Cox a chance to speak and he would give a response and explanation during discussion of the Public Utilities Committee report. After further discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Jury cease all discussion about Juror Cox's agenda item being removed from the agenda regarding Progressive Waste until the committee reports.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Cline, Bazile, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith and Olinde.

NAYS: Messrs. Cox, Hurst, Jarreau and Langlois.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 7-4-1, the motion carried.

Attorney Dannie Garrett presented an introduction of a proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-31 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana regarding the assessment and a sunset date to the drainage maintenance fee as follows:

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

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish Code of Ordinances be amended and reenacted by amending Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-31 regarding the assessment and a sunset date of the drainage maintenance fee has been introduced before the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2016 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.

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

YEAS: Mr. Watkins, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Smith, Olinde, Cline, Bazile and Hurst.

NAYS: Messrs. Langlois, Taylor and Jarreau.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. Cox.

On a vote of 7-3-1-1, the motion carried.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016 – PC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 SALES & USE TAX RENEWAL

Secretary Martin read a notice of a public meeting that will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex Building, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Pointe Coupee on November 8, 2016 to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax for the Pointe Coupee Parish Health Services District Number One. This is a 1/4 of 1% sales tax. Hospital Administrator Chad Olinde was present to answer any questions the Jury had about this matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES

President Dukes explained why he removed Juror Cox’s item from the agenda about complaints on the continuous poor service by Progressive Waste of collecting solid waste in the parish, and wanted this matter to be reviewed by the Public Utilities Committee. He explained the organization of the committees and the purpose of their meetings, which are to review matters and bring recommendations to the Jury. President Dukes asked that all Jurors bring various issues to appropriate committees before bring them to the full Jury.

Juror Cox voiced concerns about his item being improperly removed from the agenda by President Dukes, and he was advised by email to remove his item from the agenda and being referred to the Utilities Committee. He stated after he replied no to the removal, when he arrived at the meeting he realized the item was removed from the agenda. He stated this issue has been discussed before and there was a long history of problems, and he wanted to place Progressive on notice as per the contract that was verified by Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell.

Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held February 29, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That the Public Service Commission’s guidelines of a 21-day utilities bill due date be followed, pending this does not interfere with paying vendors; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proposal in the amount of \$27,500.00 from SILK, LLC to paint 10 regulator stations in the parish be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to obtain the necessary permits regarding the gas line relocation at the Pecan Island Bridge at Jarreau.

Unanimously carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Chairman Bazile reported on a Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting held March 7, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

Motion by Mr. Bazile and seconded by Mrs. Bueche:

RESOLVED, That legal advice be obtained from Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell regarding liability for having vending machines in public offices, and information be obtained from other parishes regarding vending machines; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Recreation Director Sal Genusa submit a letter to Louisiana Generating, LLC (NRG), Coca-Cola Company and Pennington Foundation to request donations for a LED sign to be placed at the roadway at the Recreation Office, and obtain information regarding sign permits from the City of New Roads; and be it

RESOLVED further, That legal advice be obtained from Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell about the ownership and removal of the train caboose at the Recreation Park; and be it

RESOLVED further, That one (1) blind be purchased in the amount of \$200.00 from Chris Paul, LLC for replacement of the broken blind in the Clerk of Court Office.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairperson Bueche reported on a Resolutions Committee meeting held March 7, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$238,476.22 (Pay Estimate No.5) submitted by Coastal Bridge Company, LLC, and an invoice in the amount of \$5,775.70 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Road Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$77,327.10 (Pay Estimate No. 11 – Final Retainage) with a clear lien certificate 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 an invoice in the amount of \$3,112.04 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$16,284.60 (Pay Estimate No. 2 - Final Retainage) with a clear lien certificate submitted by Bihm Construction Company, and an invoice in the amount of \$900.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the Pointe Coupee Gas District No. 1 LA Hwy. 415 Gas Main Improvements be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dukes reported on the following:

- Recognized Vice President Olinde, who gave an update on False River and reported that one (1) gate was opened and the water level was 15.4.
- Thanked Jurors who attended the Annual Police Jury Association of LA Convention in Shreveport.

- Reminded Jurors about their tour of NRG (Big Cajun II Power Plant) and the remaining parish buildings on Friday, March 11, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mrs. Bueche, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Cornell T. Dukes
President