

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
May 24, 2016**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Juror Bueche asked that Mr. Alden Andre, who is ill, be remembered in prayer. He is an employee of Formosa Plastics.

The Jury offered condolences to the families of the following, who passed away, and asked for a moment of silent prayer: Dr. Robert Helm, Minister Theresa Buck and Mrs. Betty Curet.

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

Juror Smith introduced Messrs. Frankie Aguillard, Jr. and Lee Glasgow of Nature Chem who appeared before the Jury to offer their services of roadside grass cutting in the parish.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 10 & 19, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

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

Juror Langlois presented an introduction of a proposed ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to change and move the polling place location for Precincts 5 & 6 from Fire District No. 2 Station at Morganza back to St. Ann's Church Hall:

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

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Parish Code of Ordinances be amended to change and move the location of the polling place for Precincts 5 & 6 at Morganza from Fire District No. 2 Station to the St. Ann's Church Hall, and to further provide with respect thereto 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, June 14, 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.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE THE POINTE COUPEE BANNER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE PARISH AS REQUIRED BY LA R.S.43:141 AND LA R.S. 43:142, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

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

RESOLVED, That the appointment of The Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the parish as required by LA R.S. 43:141 & LA R.S. 43:142, effective July 1, 2016 be approved.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED HOUSE AT 9847 FALSE RIVER ROAD AT NEW ROADS OWNED BY DONNA M. NEFF

Juror Smith discussed a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of an abandoned house located at 9847 False River Road at New Roads owned by Mrs. Donna M. Neff that is in bad condition and a potential hazard for human occupancy.

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

RESOLVED, That an abandoned house located at 9847 False River Roads at New Roads owned by Mrs. Donna M. Neff be condemned; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, June 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of an abandoned house owned by Mrs. Donna M. Neff.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF GRASS CUTTING SERVICES

Jurors discussed the roadside grass maintenance (grass cutting) services in the parish, which the Jury awarded the low proposal to Diamond Pipeline, LLC at their last meeting. Jurors discussed whether the Jury should perform this service themselves or allow the low bidder to commence with providing this service, and authorize the president to execute the service agreement.

Juror Cox reported that at their Finance Committee meeting on May 15, 2016, as a cost savings measure, they recommended that the Jury postpone executing a contract until further review by the committee to obtain cost estimates to purchase equipment and conduct a cost analysis for the Jury to perform this service themselves.

Juror Olinde reported on the safety of the citizens and need for the Jury to proceed with executing the contract and proceeding with the roadside grass cutting in the parish. He reported due to the time frame and after his telephone conversation with Juror Hurst about this matter, Juror Hurst has decided to move forward with the contract and review the Jury performing this service next year.

Some of the Jurors expressed concerns about postponing execution of the contract because of complaints received from citizens, the liability of the tall grass and the need to start cutting the grass. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Cornell Dukes be authorized to execute the contract agreement between the Police Jury and Diamond Pipeline, LLC for the roadside grass maintenance (grass cutting) in the parish.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River. He reported on May 17, 2016, one (1) gate was opened at a water level of 16.0' and closed May 19, 2016, at 15.8'. He state two (2) gates were opened May 20, 2016, at water level of 16.4' and closed May 23, 2016, at 15.8'.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE

Chairman Cox reported on a Finance Committee meeting held May 12, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That Jurors Bazile, Cox, Hurst and Smith be appointed to serve as members of the Transition Committee as representatives of the Police Jury to negotiate and finalize the details of a new agreement to allow the City of New Roads ownership of the Civic Center & playground area and parish have ownership of the baseball fields, tennis courts, walking trail, etc.; and be it

RESOLVED further, That a written legal opinion be obtained from Attorney Dannie Garrett about the proper procedure to stop solid waste service at residents who are not paying; and be it

RESOLVED further, That proposals be obtained to hire a consultant to input serial numbers from the solid waste carts and customers information into and rebuild the Police Jury system; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the low proposal in the amount of \$11,541.81 submitted by Peterbilt to repair and replace an engine in a dump truck be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairperson Bueche reported on a Resolutions Committee meeting held May 23, 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 \$19,082.00 submitted by Safeware, Inc. and invoice in the amount of \$738.65 submitted by PEC for the Regional Fence Line Monitoring Project be approved for payment, pending concurrence from Facility Planning & Control; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,407.65 submitted by PEC for the False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$5,500.00 submitted by PEC for the False River Ecosystem Restoration – Phase II North Flats Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice (Interim Billing #57) in the amount of \$20,838.24 submitted by Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for professional services for Hurricane Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire with the LA Legislative Auditor for the Police Jury 2015 Audit Engagement be adopted; and be it

RESOLVED further, that Change Order No. 1 to provide an increase in the construction cost by \$31,042.51 for the LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 6 – False River Outfall Channel Bulkhead be approved, and President Cornell T. Dukes be authorized to sign the Change Order.

Unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

Chairman Olinde reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held May 23, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Clarence Bowie be promoted to Assistant Public Works Director at a Pay Grade 214, Step 1 at an annual salary of \$39,207.00, effective June 1, 2016; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Receptionist Dinah Bourgeois be authorized to contact committee members the morning of a meeting as a reminder; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Labor Attorney Bob David be contacted to obtain the proper verbiage for including secondary duties to all job descriptions.

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

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

NAYS: Messrs. Langlois and Jarreau.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: Messrs. Cox and Hurst.

On a vote of 7-2-1-2, the motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dukes reported on the following:

- He reported the \$4.5 million from the bonds are in the Jury's bank account for the road maintenance and rehabilitation program in the parish.
- He wished all families a happy Memorial Day weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSSION--TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION OF A CHALLENGE TO THE DETENTION CENTER CONTRACT BY THE SHERIFF

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury convene in executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation of a challenge to the Detention Center contract by the sheriff.

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, Olinde and Dukes.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Hurst.

On a vote of 11-0-0-1, the motion carried.

Juror Hurst entered the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury return to open session at 7:38 p.m.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Cornell T. Dukes
President