

**MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
July 12, 2016**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Juror Bueche asked that Mr. Thomas Dukes, who passed away, be remembered in prayer. He was the brother-in-law of Juror Watkins.

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. Kyle Olinde, Justin Cox, Edward Bazile and Cornell Dukes. Arrived after roll call: Mr. Anthony Hurst,

ABSENT: Messrs. Stephen Smith, Glenn Cline and Kurt Jarreau.

As President of the Jury, Juror 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 Mr. Langlois:

RESOLVED, That the minutes of June 28, 2016 and July 6, 2016 meetings be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

VERBAL APOLOGY FROM DEPARTMENT HEAD TO POLICE JURORS

Building Maintenance Supervisor Ken Vosburg gave an apology to the Jurors for his conduct and behavior at the last Police Jury meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED HOUSE NEXT TO 9857 FALSE RIVER ROAD AT NEW ROADS FOR BRENDA S. JAMES

A hearing to obtain public input to condemn and demolish an abandoned house owned by Brenda S. James located next to 9857 False River Road at New Roads was conducted at 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

Mr. Winston Chustz appeared before the Jury to voice his concerns about demolishing the abandoned house, but is prepared to clean the property.

Building Official Tommy Leonard commented on his inspection and report about said property that was requested by Juror Smith.

Secretary Martin commented on an email received from Juror Smith wanting to move forward with the condemnation, since he did not received a response from the property owner.

CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION OF AN ABANDONED HOUSE NEXT TO 9857 FALSE RIVER ROAD AT NEW ROADS FOR BRENDA S. JAMES

After further discussion and the absence of Juror Smith, the condemnation of an abandoned house next to 9857 False River Road at New Roads for Brenda S. James was tabled by the Jury.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde reported that the water level is 16.2 feet.

RESOLUTIONS:

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR PROJECT NO. 11 – PORTAGE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLVED, That Change Order No. 1 to provide an increase in the contract price cost in the amount of (\$5,463.13) be approved for the LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 11 – Portage Canal Drainage Improvements; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mr. Cornell Dukes be authorized to sign the above Change Order No. 1.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SHERIFF TO HAVE THE INMATES CLEAN POLICE JURY OWNED BUILDINGS AND MAINTAIN GRASS AREAS

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Cornell Dukes be authorized to sign an intergovernmental agreement between the Police Jury and Sheriff Beauregard “Bud” Torres to have the inmates clean the common areas of Police Jury owned buildings and maintain grass areas.

Unanimously carried.

President Dukes reported that Building Maintenance Supervisor Ken Vosburg and Jail Maintenance Technician Joe Zaback will be locking the buildings and cleaning inside the Police Jury owned buildings.

Juror Cox reported that Assessor James Laurent will have his staff clean their office.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Dukes asked everyone to stand and hold hands, and that everyone encourage their families and friends to work together and disdain anything that tries to prevent us from doing otherwise.

On behalf of the Jury, Juror Langlois recognized Treasurer Becky Mayeux and Secretary Gerrie Martin, and any other employees, for performing the lengthy task of expediting and processing the paperwork for the employment separation of employees.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mrs. Bueche, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Cornell T. Dukes
President