

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
January 10, 2017

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Juror Bueche asked that Mrs. Leontean Sneed Porche, who passed away, be remembered in prayer. She was the mother of Police Officer Michael Porche, who provides security at the Jury meetings.

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, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Anthony Hurst, Kurt Jarreau and Cornell Dukes.

ABSENT: None.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

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

Mr. Jarreau nominated Mrs. Bueche, Mr. Cline nominated Mr. Cox and Mr. Watkins nominated Mr. Dukes for President.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for President be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Bueche: Messrs. Bazile, Jarreau, Langlois, Mrs. Bueche and Mr. Olinde.

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

Mr. Dukes: Messrs. Watkins, Taylor and Dukes.

Total Vote: 5-3-3

Juror Dukes expressed his appreciation to the Jury for the opportunity to serve as their President in 2016, and is proud of the accomplishments the Jury made in 2016.

Mrs. Bueche: Messrs. Bazile, Jarreau, Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche and Mr. Olinde.

Mr. Cox: Messrs. Cox, Cline, Smith and Dukes.

Total Vote: 7-4, Mrs. Bueche was declared nominated as President.

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

Mr. Jarreau nominated Mr. Olinde and Mr. Cox nominated Mr. Hurst for Vice President.

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

RESOLVED, That nominations for Vice President be closed.

Unanimously carried.

Mr. Olinde: Messrs. Cline, Bazile, Jarreau, Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Mrs. Bueche, Messrs. Olinde and Dukes.

Mr. Hurst: Messrs. Cox, Hurst and Smith.

Total Vote: 9-3, Mr. Olinde was declared nominated as Vice President.

Vice President Olinde thanked the Jury for their support and appointment as Vice President.

President Bueche thanked the Jury for their support and appointment as President.

AMEND AGENDA

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

RESOLVED, That the agenda be amended for inclusion of the following:

- Discussion & consideration to attend the City of New Roads 4th Annual Mayor's Community Impact Award Banquet. **(Juror Smith)**

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 12-0-0, the motion carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sylvia Williams waived her public comments until the Land Surveyor's Report.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of December 13, 2016 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN THE PARISH

Co-owners Bradley McDonald and Carolyn Robillard of Acadiana Waste Services appeared before the Jury to introduce their company, and discuss their interest in providing solid waste disposal in the parish.

President Bueche announced the Jury will begin advertising this week for RFPs in the official journal and on Central Bidding for solid waste collection and disposal in the parish. After discussions, the Jury asked the Public Utilities Committee to review with legal counsel the current contract the Jury has for solid waste.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DISPOSAL OF DEAD ANIMALS ON OR BESIDE PARISH ROADS

Juror Dukes discussed the need to review the disposal of dead animals on or beside parish roads that have become a nuisance in the parish. The Jury referred this matter to the Public Works Committee.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois gave an overview of his written report submitted to Jurors that included updates on various drainage and road projects in the parish. He reported bids were opened for the Frisco Drainage Project, and awaiting review by Pan American Engineers.

President Bueche commented on a letter received from the City of New Roads addressing complaints about the Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program being conducted in New Roads.

Juror Watkins voiced concerns and complaints from the residents in Riverbend Subdivision about the roads and culvert crossing in the subdivision.

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

RESOLVED, That a representative of Coastal Bridge attend the next Jury meeting to address concerns and complaints about the Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation Program and that all

payments be withheld until the problems are resolved, and schedule a meeting prior to the next Jury meeting with a representative of Coastal Bridge and the Jurors whose districts work is being done.

Unanimously carried.

LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT

Land Surveyor Cletus Langlois gave an overview of his written report submitted to Jurors that included updates on various drainage projects in the parish, including updates on Pecan Acres and other areas affected by the recent flood. He reported on an ad placed in The Banner that FEMA found no significant environmental hazard in Pecan Acres Subdivision, and the full report may be reviewed at the Library in New Roads. At request of Juror Bazile, he stated monies have been allocated for a proposed relocation/buy out project for the residents in Pecan Acres. He also gave an overview of the various funding sources for Pecan Acres.

Juror Dukes commented on Congressman Garrett Graves assisting the parish with securing \$15 million dollars from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the recent flooding.

Juror Hurst voiced concerns about the need for funding to resolve the flooding problems in Pleasant View Subdivision.

Ms. Sylvia Williams made public comments about funding for buy out of homes and construction of a flood wall and other matters relating to Pecan Acres Subdivision

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River, and reported the water level was 14.0, and gates are scheduled to be closed and drawdown completed on January 15, 2017.

SET DATE AND TIME OF POLICE JURY MEETINGS

The Jury discussed setting the date and time of Police Jury meetings.

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Police Jury meetings on February 28, 2017, November 28, 2017 and December 26, 2017 be cancelled, due to the Mardi Gras, Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Unanimously carried.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO LRS 42:17(A)(2) SYLVESTER M. PLATT VS POLICE JURY RELATIVE TO A CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION

The proposed executive session was cancelled by Juror Jarreau.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

RESOLVED, That the following appointments and/or reappointments to various committees, commissions and boards be approved by the Police Jury:

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District (E-911)

Messrs. “Bud” Torres, Roger Richard and Lawrence Smith, Jr. (four-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Community Housing Development Organization, Inc.

Mmes Jean Brazelton, Joyce Solomon and Karen Harrell (four-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 1

Mrs. Shirley Best, Messrs. Duncan Massicot and Hewitt Smith, III (two-year term)

Appointment of a Member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 2

Mr. Lyndon Leonards (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 3

Mrs. Melba Aguilard and Mr. Ray Barentine (two-year term)

Appointment of a Member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Health Services District No. 1

Dr. Carl McLemore (six-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Board of Control

Mmes Gayle Dixon (Position G) and Lucy Thompson (Position H) (five-year term)

Appointment of a Member to Pointe Coupee Parish Mosquito Abatement Commission

Dr. Dana Gosserand (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to Museum Committee

Mmes Jeanette Derosin, Gail Hurst and Martha Stoute (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission

Messrs. Scot Byrd, Johnny Pinsonat & Roger Richard (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Sewerage District No. 1

Mmes Joetta Hunter, Jacqueline Pearson, Joyce Scott, Messrs. Roger Dixon & John Jeanpierre (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Sewerage District No. 3A

Mrs. Geraldine Simmons, Messrs. Henry Ell & Landry Jeanpierre (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Sewerage District No. 6

Mrs. Alma Ashford, Messrs. Angelo Fabre & Lawrence Smith, Jr. (two-year term)

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1

Messrs. Hilliard Caldwell (three-year term), Freddie Solomon (one-year term), Randall Jarreau & John Smith, (two-year term).

Appointment of Members to Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2

Messrs. Mark Major (one-year term) and Kelly Rivet (three-year term).

Unanimously carried.

Appointment of a Member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5

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

RESOLVED, That Dr. Joe Gannon be appointed to Seat "B" as a member to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Fire Protection District No. 5 for a two-year term.

Unanimously carried.

Appointment of Members to the Pointe Coupee Multi-Use Center Committee

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Monica "Missy" Hess, Messrs. Keithen Battley, Miles Brashier, Bill Davis and Jason Smith be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Multi-Use Center Committee.

Unanimously carried.

Appointment of Members to the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Port Commission

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Addie Armato and Mr. Paul Meadows be reappointed to serve as members of the Board of Commissioners for Pointe Coupee Parish Port Commission for a six-year term.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE INVOICE FOR HGA FOR IKE/GUSTAV DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM PARISH WIDE DRAINAGE PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,604.78 (Interim Billing #62) submitted by Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for the Ike/Gustav Disaster Recovery Program be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A PROPOSED 2ND AMENDED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR FALSE RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT WITH OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to sign a proposed 2nd 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.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A PROPOSED 1ST AMENDED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL FENCE LINE MONITORING PROJECT WITH OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL

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

RESOLVED, That the Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche, President, be authorized to sign a proposed 1st 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 Regional Fence Line Monitoring Project.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO ASSIST THE TOWN OF LIVONIA WITH ANIMAL CONTROL

Juror Jarreau reported this matter has been resolved.

ACCEPT LOW PROPOSAL FOR REPAIRS TO BULKHEAD ON DISCHARGE BAYOU

Juror Cline asked that this matter be tabled until their next meeting.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES

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

RESOLVED, That the application for postponement of Ad Valorem Taxes for Angelina C. Collins Estate and RKT, Inc. for tax year 2016 be accepted, due to recent flooding.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION TO ATTEND THE 4TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD BANQUET

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury purchase a private table in the amount of \$280 to attend the City of New Roads 4th Annual Mayor's Community Impact Award Banquet that will be held January 19, 2017.

Unanimously carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held December 19, 2016. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolutions for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to obtain information on the proper size of the main gas line, cost of the gas pipe and materials, and the state highway permits to extend the main gas line for the development of a new subdivision on Bigman Lane at Oscar.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to obtain right-of-ways for the relocating of the main gas line to Pecan Island for the construction of a new bridge.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That solid waste customers be charge \$75 for new carts; and be it

RESOLVED further, That if a customer is unable to afford the full charge of \$75 that the charge be divided into two (2) payments on their utility bill.

Unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Chairman Hurst reported on Recreation Committee meetings held December 19, 2016 and January 5, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolutions for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury advertise for proposals in the official journal for operation of the concessions at False River Recreation Park and the Morganza Gym for the Basketball Program.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That a Track Program be implemented and funded by registration fees, a line item for said program be included in the PC Rec budget for one year, pending the financial impact, and will be supplemented by the Football Program if needed with prior approval.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the False River Park Rental Fee Schedule for usage and rental of the fields and pavilion at the park be adopted with revision to change the Pavilion/Party Fees from \$25 per hour (2 hour slot) to \$50 per hour (2 hour slot).

Unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL

Chairman Olinde reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held January 5, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolutions for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That the Fleet Safety Policy be reinforced and that all employees are required to use Parish vehicles during company time, and that in case of emergencies employees need to return the company vehicle to the shop, clock out and use their personal vehicle.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Anthony Lewis be promoted to the position of Recreation Administrative Assistant at a Pay Grade 205, Step 3 at an annual salary of \$25,817.00, effective January 17, 2017.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Mark Bourgeois be promoted to the position of Public Utilities Clerk at a Pay Grade 202, Step 10 at an annual salary of \$28,438.00, effective January 17, 2017.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Terry Pascal be promoted to the position of Public Utilities Supervisor at a Pay Grade 213, Step 13 at an annual salary of \$52,243.00, effective February 1, 2017.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the secretary be authorized to post a Position Vacancy Announcement for a Recreation Supervisor at an annual salary of \$27,634.00 for one (1) week, and if no employees apply within this time frame, advertise a Position Notice for two (2) weeks in the Official Journal.

Unanimously carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was no report.

Motion by Mr. Olinde and seconded by Mr. Watkins, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President