

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY**  
**June 13, 2017**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 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, Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith, Kyle Olinde, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche. Arrived after roll call: Messrs. Justin Cox and Anthony Hurst.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Glenn Cline.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of May 23, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AWARD (PAUL COOPER)

Vice President Olinde announced a service award is being presented to employee Paul Cooper for five (5) years, who was not present.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 TO ADD PORTIONS OF RIVERBEND SUBDIVISION TO THE BOUNDARIES

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 24-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to the territorial boundaries of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to add portions of Riverbend Subdivision to the boundaries, and further providing with respect thereto was held Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 5:32 p.m. by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Bueche reported that the water district is purchasing M & S Water Supply that services Riverbend Subdivision and this is the reason the boundaries are being amended to include the subdivision. There were no objections received written nor orally.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 TO ADD PORTIONS OF RIVERBEND SUBDIVISION TO THE BOUNDARIES

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 24-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to the territorial boundaries of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 to add portions of Riverbend Subdivision to the boundaries, and further providing with respect thereto be adopted by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Cline.

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

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RETAINING THE SERVICES OF THE LAW OFFICES OF R. GRAY SEXTON AS SPECIAL COUNSEL RELATIVE TO LITIGATION WITH COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY

Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell reported on a proposal to retain the services of the Law Offices of R. Gray Sexton as special counsel relative to litigation with Coastal Bridge Company for the Road Rehabilitation Project.

President Bueche reported that Attorney Sexton was given the binder from Coastal for his review, and will submit a report of his findings that will be reviewed at a meeting of the Public Works Committee. After discussion, the following resolution was offered:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury retain the services of the Law Offices of R. Gray Sexton as special counsel relative to litigation with Coastal Bridge Company for the Road Rehabilitation Project; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mrs. Melanie Bueche be authorized to sign an engagement letter with the Law Offices of R. Gray Sexton as special counsel.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO SEND A LETTER TO KANSAS CITY RAILROAD REGARDING THE 49 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT THRU THE CITY OF NEW ROADS

Juror Dukes discussed he will be sending a letter from his district to Kansas City Southern Railroad Company (KCS) regarding increasing their track speed to 49 miles per hour thru the City of New Roads. He stated for the safety of the residents in the city, he will be asking KCS to keep the current speed.

Juror Watkins presented information and gave a brief explanation to the Jurors about the proposed improvements KCS will be conducting to the railroad crossings in the city.

Attorney Jewell commented on this matter and reported the City of New Roads will be conducting a public hearing regarding this matter at their meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., and stated Jurors and concerned citizens may voice their concerns at the hearing.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 18, 2017 – PC PARISH LIBRARY AD VALOREM TAX RENEWAL

President Bueche read a notice of a public meeting that will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex Building, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, and the Police Jury plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the parish on November 18, 2017 to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax for the Pointe Coupee Parish Library.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION FOR CONDEMNATION OF ABANDONED BUILDINGS OFF OF LA HIGHWAY 1 (PARCEL #0085922) AT INNIS OWNED BY VINCENT C. PURPERA

Juror Taylor discussed a report received from Certified Building Official Tommy Leonard concerning the condemnation of the abandoned buildings located off of LA Highway 1 (Parcel #0085922) at Innis owned by Mr. Vincent C. Purpera that is in bad condition and a potential

hazard for human occupancy. Juror Taylor reported that the property is located in Juror Langlois' district.

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

RESOLVED, That the abandoned buildings located off of LA Highway 1 at Innis owned by Mr. Vincent C. Purpera be condemned; and be it

RESOVLED further, That a public hearing be held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. for the condemnation of the abandoned buildings owned by Mr. Vincent C. Purpera.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde gave an update on False River and reported the water level is 16.2 ft., and one (1) gate is open.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FOR PATIN ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS FOR MAJOR BROS. SUBDIVISION AND LOTTIE LA HWY. 81 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I, AND MOREAU CONSTRUCTION FOR DELTA PLACE SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That invoices submitted by Patin Engineers & Surveyors in the amount of \$9,336.10 for Major Bros. Subdivision and \$6,438.75 for Lottie LA Hwy. 81 Drainage Improvements Phase I be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$23,064.76 (Payment No. 3) submitted by Moreau Construction Company, LLC for LRA Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Project No. 3 – Delta Place Subdivision Drainage Project be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO REPLACE ROTTEN CULVERT IN LORIO ACRES SUBDIVISION AT LAKELAND

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

RESOLVED, That the purchase of a 24" x 40' culvert at cost of \$604.00 to replace a rotten culvert in Lorio Acres Subdivision at Lakeland be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Chairman Hurst reported on a Recreation Committee meeting held June 5, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That a letter be sent to the City of New Roads asking them to inform Civic Center renters of the property boundary lines when setting up events and the letter be approved by the Recreation Committee members prior to being mailed; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign the agreement between Mr. James Joseph and the Police Jury allowing him access to the Morganza Gym for local youth to play basketball on Sundays when there is no scheduled event.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Gerrie P. Martin  
Secretary

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Melanie L. Bueche  
President