

**MINUTES**  
**POINTE COUPEE PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION**  
**May 23, 2016**

The Pointe Coupee Parish Home Rule Charter Commission met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2016 at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Chairman Lyles called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Cornell Dukes, James Fairchild, Price Gay, Mrs. Gail Hurst, Messrs. Jeremy LaCombe, Jacques LaCour, Cletus Langlois, Richard Maciasz, Albert Sneed and Jimmy Lyles, Chairman.

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Messrs. Dannie Garrett, Stafford Chenevert, Tommy Comeaux, Roosevelt Gremillion and Charles Morgan.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Alden Andre.

Chairman Lyles asked the members to keep Mr. Andre in their prayers, who is ill and in the hospital.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADOPT MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Maciasz and seconded by Mr. Gay:

**RESOLVED,** That the minutes of May 9, 2016 meeting be accepted as written and be published.

Unanimously carried.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL DRAFT FOR THE HOME RULE CHARTER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH**

Attorney Garrett discussed and reviewed the final draft for the Home Rule Charter plan of government of Pointe Coupee Parish for any amendments.

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

**RESOLVED,** That Article I: Section 1.06, Subsection A be amended that there shall be no proposal to amend or repeal the Charter prior to three (3) years from the date when the eight-member Parish Council take office.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Maciasz and seconded by Mr. Gay:

RESOLVED, That Article II: Section 2.02, Subsection F be amended that the term of the Parish Council shall be three (3) four-year terms.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCour, Gay, Fairchild, Sneed, LaCombe, Maciasz, Langlois, Mrs. Hurst and Mr. Lyles.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. Andre.

On a vote of 9-0-1-1, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Fairchild:

RESOLVED, That Article II: Section 2.03, the compensation and salaries for members of the Parish Council will remain the same.

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

YEAS: Messrs. LaCour, Gay, Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Fairchild, Sneed, LaCombe, Maciasz and Lyles.

NAYS: Mr. Langlois.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Dukes.

ABSENT: Mr. Andre.

On a vote of 8-1-1-1, motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Article III: Section 3.02, be amended that the term of the Parish President shall be four (4) four-year terms.

Substitute motion by Mr. Sneed and seconded by Mr. Fairchild:

RESOLVED, That Article III: Section 3.02, be amended that the term of the Parish President shall be three (3) four-year terms.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Mr. LaCour, Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Fairchild and Sneed.

NAYS: Messrs. Gay, LaCombe, Maciasz, Langlois, Dukes and Lyles.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Andre.

On a vote of 4-6-0-1, motion failed.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Fairchild, LaCombe, Maciasz, Langlois, Gay and Lyles.

NAYS: Messrs. Sneed, Dukes, LaCour and Mrs. Hurst.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Andre.

On a vote of 6-4-0-1, motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Gay:

RESOLVED, That Article III: Section 3.03, be amended that the salary of the Parish President shall be the greater of \$110,000 or 90% of the average salaries of the Parish Assessor and Clerk of Court.

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

YEAS: Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Gay, Maciasz, LaCombe, Langlois, Dukes and Lyles.

NAYS: Messrs. LaCour, Fairchild and Sneed.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Andre.

On a vote of 7-3-0-1, motion carried.

Mrs. Hurst and Mr. Dukes left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Motion by Mr. LaCour and seconded by Mr. Fairchild:

RESOLVED, That Article III: Section 3.03, the compensation of the Parish President shall remain the same throughout the four (4) years.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gay, LaCombe, LaCour, Langlois, Maciasz, Sneed, Fairchild and Lyles.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Andre and Dukes.

On a vote of 8-0-0-3, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gay and seconded by Mr. LaCour:

RESOLVED, That Article III: Section 3.05, Subsection M be amended that the Parish President shall have the authority to appoint department heads by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Parish Council and the President shall have the authority to terminate department heads.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That the Public Utilities Department shall be a separate department from the Public Works Department.

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

YEAS: Messrs. Gay, LaCombe, LaCour, Langlois, Maciasz, Sneed, Fairchild and Lyles.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. Andre and Dukes.

On a vote of 8-0-0-3, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Maciasz and seconded by Mr. LaCombe:

RESOLVED, That Article IV: Section 4.02, be amended that the qualifications of the Director of Administration shall have a bachelor's degree in business with a minimum of five (5) years of experience.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Article IV: Section 4.03, be amended that the qualifications of the Director of Public Works shall be a civil engineer with at least three (3) years of experience in civil engineering or at least 10 years of experience in public works administration or construction administration.

Unanimously carried.

Mrs. Gail entered the meeting.

Motion by Mr. Gay and seconded by Mr. LaCour:

RESOLVED, That Article IV: Section 4.04, be amended that the qualifications of the Parks and Recreation Director shall have a bachelor's degree in physical education, kinesiology, parks management or a related field and at least five (5) years of experience in physical education or parks or recreation program management.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Maciasz and seconded by Mr. Sneed:

RESOLVED, That Article IV: Section 4.05, be amended that the qualifications of the Director of Finance shall have a bachelor's degree in business administration, finance, accounting or a related field and at least five (5) years of experience.

Unanimously carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Article IV be amended to include and adopt Section 4.07, Department of Public Utilities, and that the qualifications of the Director of Public Utilities shall have a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering or a related field, and at least three (3) years of experience in operations or management of a utility facility officer department conclusive of either gas or water or alternatively at least ten (10) years of experience in operations or management of a utility facility officer department conclusive of either gas or water and hold a valid certification for the operations of either or both a gas and water utility facility.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. LaCombe and seconded by Mr. Sneed:

RESOLVED, That Article VI: Section 6.06, Election of Officials (Option C modified) be amended that the first election of the Parish President and eight-member Parish Council will be held in the fall of 2018 and take office in January 2019, and will serve five (5) years in that initial term so they will be up for the regular election in the fall of 2023, and serve four-year term thereafter.

Substitute motion by Mr. Gay and seconded by Mr. Fairchild:

RESOLVED, That Article VI: Section 6.06, Election of Officials (Option B modified) be amended that the election of a Parish President and Parish Council be held in the fall of 2017 to take office in January of 2018 and serve two (2) years, and a regular election be held in the fall of 2019 and take office in January of 2020 and serve four-year term thereafter.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the substitute motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Fairchild, Maciasz and Gay.

NAYS: Messrs. Sneed, Langlois, LaCour, LaCombe, Mrs. Hurst and Mr. Lyles.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Andre and Dukes.

On a vote of 3-6-0-2, motion failed.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the original motion that resulted as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gay, Mrs. Hurst, Messrs. LaCombe, LaCour, Langlois, Maciasz, Sneed, Fairchild and Lyles.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Messrs. Andre and Mr. Dukes.

On a vote of 9-0-0-2, motion carried.

#### SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held June 6, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

#### OPEN DISCUSSION

Chairman Lyles reported that Attorney Garrett will include the above amendments in the Home Rule Charter and send to the members for their review prior to their next meeting. He reported after their meeting on June 6, 2016, the charter will be presented to the Police Jury on June 7, 2016 to place on the agenda of their June 14, 2016 meeting.

Messrs. Maciasz and Langlois announced they will not be at the meeting on June 6, 2016.

Motion by Mrs. Hurst and seconded by Mr. Gay, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Jimmy Lyles, Chairman