

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
November 14, 2017

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

Vice President Olinde extended condolences to the family of President Melanie Bueche, who passed away, and asked for a moment of silent prayer. He also extended condolences to the family of Ms. Erica Platt, who passed away. She was the sister of employee Sylvester Platt. He asked that Mr. Roosevelt Gremillion of KCLF Radio Station, who is ill and in the hospital, be remembered in prayer.

Vice President Olinde 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, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Kyle Olinde.
Arrived after roll call: Mr. Anthony Hurst.
ABSENT: None.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Resolution--Approval to hire Ronnie Barlow as a contract laborer to operate the long boom excavator. (Vice President Olinde)
- Resolution--Approval to hire Malcolm Battiste as a Laborer. (Vice President Olinde)
- Resolution--Approval to advertise for Request for Qualifications for an appraiser for the USDA NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Floodplain Easement Program. (Cletus Langlois)
- Discussion & consideration of amending the culvert permit ordinance. (Juror Smith)

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

YEAS: Messrs. Langlois, Watkins, Taylor, Dukes, Smith, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Jarreau and Olinde.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Mr. Hurst.
On a vote of 10-0-1, the motion carried.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 24, 2017 and October 30, 2017 meetings be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF POINTE COUPEE WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend the applicable portion of Section 24-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to the territorial boundaries of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2 to add areas located on the western and eastern sides of Louisiana State Highway 978 (Bigman Lane) north of the present territorial

boundaries of said district; and further provide with respect thereto was held Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 5:36 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.

Mrs. Janet Vosburg, member of False River Waterworks, expressed concerns and asked for clarification of the proposed amendments to the boundaries. She voiced concerns about whether the boundaries will prohibit False River Waterworks from gaining new customers in the surrounding areas.

Attorney Mike Parks explained and gave clarification of the boundaries and the reason the boundaries are being amended. After further discussion, the public hearing was closed.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF POINTE COUPEE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend Section 24-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana relative to the territorial boundaries of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2 be tabled for further review by the Public Utilities Committee and the Jurors whose districts the boundaries are located; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Engineer Kevin Gravois and Attorney Mike Parks present Jurors with a map defining the water district boundaries; and be it

RESOLVED further, That False River Waterworks and Waterworks District No. 2 each present a map defining their boundaries and claims for review and comparisons by the Jury.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE CULVERT PERMIT ORDINANCE

Juror Smith discussed and gave an explanation for asking the Jury's consideration to amend the Culvert Permit Ordinance to discontinue installation of culverts in the parish, and to focus attention to drainage maintenance throughout the parish. After further discussion, Juror Smith received approval of the Jury to meet with Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell to craft an amendment to the ordinance for introduction at their next meeting.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde reported the water level on False River is 15.2 ft., and the drawdown has been canceled.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chairman Cline reported on a Public Utilities Committee meeting held November 1, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That meter deposits of the outstanding accounts from the years 2014 and previous be applied to the accounts, and the remainder of funds be written off; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Engineer Kevin Gravois be authorized to obtain the proper permits and proceed with the replacement of a PVC line to PE Plastic Pipe on LA Highway 419 at Batchelor; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the move meter charge be increased to \$200.00; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Billing & Collections Supervisor Beverly Francois be authorized to order 50 solid waste carts.

Unanimously carried.

FINANCE

Chairman Cox reported on a Finance Committee meeting held November 9, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendations/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury remain with the 25% reduction with all agencies for 2018, due to unforeseen cost, and letters be sent to the agencies informing them of the reduction; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Tourist Commission proposed 2018 budget be approved with the Police Jury contribution budget of \$10,125.00; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Police Jury not allocate funds for a fourth Court Reporter following the retirement of the existing reporter, and correspondence be sent to the chief judge of the 18th Judicial District advising of this decision; and be it

RESOLVED further, That all invoices submitted by Patin Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. in the total amount of \$35,310.91 be approved for payment, pending approval by Treasurer Becky Mayeux; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the quote submitted by Coburn's in the amount of \$4,205.92 for the replacement of a 24" culvert on the property of Mr. David Bonaventure in Juror District 9 be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Boudreaux's Trucking be authorized to pick up white goods in Pleasant View and Pecan Acres Subdivision, due to the October 2017 flooding, at a cost estimate of \$4,200.00 for tipping fees; and be it

RESOLVED further, That Mougeot's Architecture LLC be authorized to submit plans for renovations of the Courthouse Annex II building, and a letter be sent to the Sheriff's Office and Admiral Investments LLC informing them of the delay in moving the detectives into said building; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proposal submitted by Robillard's Air Conditioning in the amount of \$5,795.00 to remove the equipment and replace equipment in the existing walk-in freezer at the Detention Center be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the proposal submitted by Jim Welsh, Inc. in the amount of \$10,910.00 for a 65 lb. washing machine at the Detention Center be accepted; and be it

RESOLVED further, That upon introduction of the amendments to the 2017 operating budget and the 2018 operating budget of the Police Jury, that a public hearing be held Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. to review and consider adoption of the budget.

Unanimously carried.

RECREATION

Chairman Hurst reported on a Recreation Committee meeting held November 13, 2017. Copies of the minutes were emailed to each Juror. He presented the following recommendation/resolution for approval:

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

RESOLVED, That hotel rooms at a cost of \$6,200.00 be paid out of the football budget for the teams to play at the Dallas Cowboy Stadium December 30 & 31, 2017, pending review of the football fund account by Treasurer Becky Mayeux, and the fund remains with a surplus.

Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FROM COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY & EUSTIS ENGINEERING FOR ROAD REHABILITATION PROGRAM, AND PEC FOR FALSE RIVER NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT & VARIOUS OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE INSPECTIONS

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

RESOLVED, That an invoice (Pay Estimate No. 7) in the amount of \$30,874.04 submitted by Coastal Bridge Company, LLC, and \$15,051.85 submitted by Eustis Engineering, LLC for the Road Rehabilitation Program be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$5,667.85 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River Nitrogen Impact Mitigation Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$9,350.00 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for various Off-System Bridge inspections be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE 2ND AMENDED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH FOR THE REGIONAL FENCE LINE MONITORING PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kyle Olinde be authorized to sign the 2nd Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Police Jury and LA Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control for the Regional Fence Line Monitoring Project.

Unanimously carried.

PARTICIPATION IN NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM IS A TOTALLY VOLUNTARILY PROCESS

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois introduced the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has entered into an agreement with USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service to implement the Emergency Watershed Protection Floodplain Easement Program within the Pecan Acres Subdivision to stem future flood losses; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Watershed Protection Floodplain Easement Program allows only for voluntary acquisition of property from landowners within its project areas; and

WHEREAS, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury has the authority to expropriate land for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, use of expropriation in conjunction with the Emergency Watershed Protection Floodplain Easement Program is not allowable: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury shall not exercise its expropriation authority to achieve unanimous participation within USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service the Emergency Watershed Protection Floodplain Easement Program.

Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE JUROR FOR DISTRICT NO. 6

Juror Jarreau read a prepared statement about the appointment of Mr. J. A. Bueche as Police Juror in District 6, to fill the remaining term of his late wife, Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

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

Appointing Joseph A. Bueche, Jr. as Pointe Coupee Parish Police Juror, District 6.

WHEREAS, due to the death of Melanie Lorio Bueche, there exists a vacancy in the office of Pointe Coupee Parish Police Juror, District 6; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and the Pointe Coupee Parish Home Rule Charter, said vacancy shall be filled by appointment by this Police Jury.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury that Joseph A. Bueche, Jr. be and he is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy in the office of Pointe Coupee Parish Police Juror, District 6.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted without delay to the Honorable Tom Schedler, Louisiana Secretary of State.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO PC WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1 AND PC PLANNING COMMISSION

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Ashley Bonds be appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1 for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2018.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Cline.

ABSENT: None.

On a vote of 10-0-1, the motion carried.

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Mary Costello be appointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Scot Byrd.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO SEND AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF THE LATE MR. JOSEPH JENNING DAVID AND MRS. MELANIE L. BUECHE

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

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his eternal reward Mr. Joseph Jenning David and Mrs. Melanie L. "Miss Mel" Bueche; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Jenning David was a native and resident of New Roads and Pointe Coupee Parish for 85 years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Melanie L. "Miss Mel" Bueche has rendered innumerable public service to the Parish and the State of Louisiana, and to the people as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Melanie L. "Miss Mel" Bueche served as Police Juror in District 6, Parish of Pointe Coupee for 22 years, and President of the Police Jury for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, their presence will be sadly missed by their families and friends: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury does and hereby extends to the families of Mr. Joseph Jenning David and Mrs. Melanie L. "Miss Mel" Bueche this resolution of sympathy in the loss of their loved one.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO GRANT DECEMBER 26, 2017 AND JANUARY 2, 2018 AS HOLIDAYS

Treasurer Becky Mayeux introduced the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury grant December 26, 2017 and January 2, 2018 as parish holidays for all employees, due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE RONNIE BARLOW AS A CONTRACT LABORER TO OPERATE THE LONG BOOM EXCAVATOR.

Vice President Olinde introduced the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Ronnie Barlow be hired as a contract laborer to operate the long boom excavator at 20 hours per week.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO HIRE MALCOLM BATTISTE AS A LABORER

Vice President Olinde introduced the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Malcolm Battiste be employed as a Laborer, Pay Grade 201, Step 1 at annual salary of \$20,808.00.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AN APPRAISER FOR THE USDA NRCS EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION FLOODPLAIN EASEMENT PROGRAM

Floodplain Administrator Langlois introduced the following resolution for approval of the Jury:

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury advertise in the official journal for Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for an appraiser for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection Floodplain Easement Program for Pecan Acres Subdivision

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Kyle Olinde
Vice President