

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
October 10, 2017

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

The Police Jury asked that the victims of the Las Vegas shooting and various hurricanes be remembered in prayer. Juror Dukes extended condolences to the family of former Mayor Sylvester Muckelroy of the City of New Roads, who passed away.

President Bueche called the meeting to order and directed Secretary Gerrie Martin to call the roll:

PRESENT: Messrs. Mitch Langlois, Charles Watkins, Cornell Dukes, Stephen Smith, Kyle Olinde, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Anthony Hurst, Kurt Jarreau and Mrs. Melanie Bueche.

ABSENT: Mr. Gordon Taylor.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 26, 2017 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARY AWARD

Juror Hurst presented an employee anniversary service award to Mr. John Turner for 10 years of dedicated service.

PUBLIC HEARING--CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 12734 CHENEVERT ST., VENTRESS OWNED BY PHILLIP G. PHISTRY, JR.

Vice President Olinde tabled the hearing until their next meeting.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 12734 CHENEVERT ST., VENTRESS OWNED BY PHILLIP G. PHISTRY, JR.

This matter was tabled until their next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING--AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I, SECTION 19-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA REGARDING THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE WEIGHT LIMITS

A hearing to obtain public input to a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 19, Article I, Section 19-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana regarding the Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program to include weight limits, and to further provide with respect thereto was held Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 5:35 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.

Parish Engineer Kevin Gravois commented on the proposed amendments to the ordinance that is being presented to the Jury for their consideration. There were no objections received orally or written.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE I, SECTION 19-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA REGARDING THE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE WEIGHT LIMITS

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

RESOLVED, That a proposed ordinance to amend and reenact Chapter 19, Article I, Section 19-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana regarding the Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program to include weight limits, 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, Dukes, Smith, Olinde, Cox, Cline, Bazile, Hurst, Jarreau and Mrs. Bueche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Taylor.

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

UPDATES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

State Senator Rick Ward gave updates from the Legislative Session. In closing, he responded to questions from Jurors.

CONCERNS ABOUT THE WATER QUALITY AT LOTTIE WITH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2

Juror Cox discussed concerns and complaints from customers about the water quality at Lottie being provided by Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 2. He reported on being satisfied with the actions taken by the district.

Chairman Marvin Losavio of Pointe Coupee Waterworks District No. 2 explained the water quality and actions taken to resolve the water problems.

Mr. Rickie Montelaro of M & C Water gave an overview of the operations and maintenance of the water system. He explained the lightning strikes and problems with the pumps at the well contributed to problems with the water quality, which has been resolved.

A RESOLUTION CANCELING AN ELECTION CALLED BY A RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JULY 25, 2017, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX IN THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

Juror Cox requested approval of the Jury to cancel an election on November 18, 2017 called by a resolution adopted by the Jury on July 25, 2017, authorizing the renewal of a special tax in the parish for the Pointe Coupee Parish Library. He gave a detailed explanation why the election should be canceled because the tax does not expire until December 2020, historically taxing districts renew their millages one (1) year prior to their expiration date, and this election is three (3) years in advance.

At the request of Juror Cox, Mr. Arthur Ewing commented on this matter and the proposed restructuring of property taxes in the near future.

On behalf of the library board, Juror Hurst reported that the board wants to move forward with the election in November and will accept the decision of the Jury on this matter.

Juror Jarreau commented on understanding the position of the library board wanting to proceed with the renewal of their millage.

There were further discussions from other Jurors, and after a lengthy discussion, the following resolutions were offered:

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

A resolution canceling an election called by a resolution adopted on July 25, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, this Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, adopted a resolution on July 25, 2017 ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") on November 18, 2017 to authorize the renewal of a special tax (the "Election Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing authority to cancel the election to be held in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana on said date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. The election to be held in the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana on November 18, 2017 for the purpose set forth above is hereby canceled.

SECTION 2. The Election Resolution is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 3. The Police Jury is hereby authorized and empowered to (i) furnish a copy of this resolution to all election officials and officers charged with conducting the November 18, 2017 election, and (ii) notify said election officials and officers that said election has been canceled.

Substitute motion by Mr. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. Hurst:

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury proceed with the election on November 18, 2017 called by a resolution adopted on July 25, 2017 for the renewal of a millage tax for the Pointe Coupee Parish Library.

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

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

NAYS: Messrs. Cox, Cline and Smith.

ABSENT: Mr. Taylor.

On a vote of 8-3-1, the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF LIONEL BOUDREAUX (PECAN ACRES SUBDIVISION DEBRIS COLLECTION) & COREY DEHON (SPARE TIME TRAIL RIDE AT MULTI-USE CENTER)

Juror Bazile gave recognition to Mr. Lionel Boudreaux for continuing to collect debris in Pecan Acres Subdivision as a result of the August 2016 flood at no additional cost to the Jury.

Juror Bazile gave recognition to Mr. Corey Dehon of Spare Time Trail Ride for hosting a successful trail ride at the Multi-Use Center October 6-8, 2017, and the economic impact and the tax dollars brought into the parish.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION OF SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

Secretary Martin reported on four (4) requests to submit applications for a Capital Outlay Request for the continuation of the False River Ecosystem Restoration Phase II Project, and replacement of the roofs on the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex and Detention Center. She reported the deadline for submitting applications is November 1, 2017.

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury submit applications for Capital Outlay Request for the False River Ecosystem Restoration Phase II Project (\$3,500,000), and replace the roofs on the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex and Detention Center (\$702,000).

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

Vice President Olinde reported the water level on False River is 11.3 ft., and the drawdown is almost complete.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

PUBLIC WORKS

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury enter into a municipal lease for the purchase of a Case 1650M WT Dozer from Crawler Supply Co., LLC at a cost of \$3,673.05 monthly for 60 months; and be it

RESOLVED further, That the Jurors review and purge older work orders for public works that have been completed or no longer needed; and be it

RESOLVED further, That repairs in the amount of \$9,828.12 to the culvert cleaner machine by William Diesel be approved.

Unanimously carried.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

There were no recommendations presented.

RESOLUTIONS:

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of Pointe Coupee Parish in accordance with those Standards as delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Pointe Coupee Parish: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the governing authority of Pointe Coupee Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period 1 October 2017 through 30 September 2018:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.

2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which required load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Correction to data supplies to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted. These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2017 AS ATCHAFALAYA MONTH IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH

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

**PROCLAMATION
ATCHAFALAYA MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area is one of 49 nationally distinctive heritage areas designated by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area contains the Atchafalaya Basin, the largest river swamp in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area encompasses 14 Louisiana Parishes reflecting the unique culture evolving from life in the Atchafalaya Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is considered the most productive swamp in the world and contributes substantially to the economy of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin houses important wetlands that serve as buffers during storm surges; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area offers exceptional opportunities for education and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area and Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury encourage and promote recreational and educational activities during October to raise awareness of the valuable resources located within the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MELANIE L. BUECHE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2017**, as **ATCHAFALAYA MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

RECOMMEND TWO (2) CANDIDATES TO FILL ONE (1) VACANCY FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR TO SERVE ON THE CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT

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

RESOLVED, That the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury recommends the nomination of Mmes Mary Laverne Aguiard and Angela Hill Major of Pointe Coupee Parish for appointment by Governor John Edwards to serve as a member of the Capital Area Human Services District.

Unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE PC PARISH MUSEUM COMMITTEE

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Paula Richard be reappointed to serve as a member of the Pointe Coupee Parish Museum Committee for a three-year term.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL TO CLOSE THE JURY OFFICE ON OCTOBER 20, 2017 & ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO USE VACATION LEAVE, DUE TO STREET CLOSURES FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

RESOLVED, That the Police Jury Office be closed on Friday, October 20, 2017 and employees be placed on-call, due to the street closures for the Harvest Festival and no access to the workplace.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH LA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) GRANT FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1

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

RESOLVED, That Mrs. Melanie L. Bueche be authorized to sign the contract agreement between the LA Division of Administration, Office of Community Development for the FY 2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program in the amount of \$47,074.00 to perform upgrades to the water mains and meters along Woodview Lane at Jarreau for Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Cline.

ABSENT: Mr. Taylor.

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

Motion by Mr. Langlois and seconded by Mr. Smith, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Melanie L. Bueche
President