

MINUTES
POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY
September 25, 2018

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at the Courthouse Annex in the Police Jury Meeting Room, New Roads, Louisiana.

President Olinde gave condolences to the family of former Police Juror Willard "Willie" Olinde, Jr., who passed away.

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, J. A. Bueche, Justin Cox, Glenn Cline, Edward Bazile, Kurt Jarreau and Kyle Olinde.

ABSENT: Mr. Anthony Hurst.

15 MINUTES OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AMEND AGENDA

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

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

- Authorize President to sign Easement Agreement with Fidelity Cablevision, Inc. for providing operator's facilities to the Courthouse Annex Building for the District Attorney's Office.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Hurst.

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

ADOPT MINUTES

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

RESOLVED, That the minutes of September 11, 2018 meeting be adopted as presented and published in the official journal.

Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION & CONSIDERATION ABOUT CONCERNS WITH OFF ROAD GRASS CUTTING ON PARISH DITCHES, ETC.

Juror Bueche reported that he has discussed this matter with Public Works Director James David and his concerns have been addressed about the off road grass cutting on parish ditches.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES TO DECLARE INTENT OF THE POLICE JURY TO ACQUIRE FULL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES LOCATED AS PARCELS OF LAND FROM THE ESTATE OF JOHN STOUT (PARCEL #50001450), FROM VIRGINIA GAYLE WILLIAMS, ET AL (PARCEL #50001460), FROM GINO SOPRANO (PARCEL #50159400), FROM EVELYN RESSE TAYLOR (PARCEL #50179500), FROM J. A. J. SERVICES (PARCEL #50447600), FROM THOMAS W. JEFFRION (PARCEL #50016476) & FROM FARMCO, INC. (PARCEL #50842738)

Assistant District Attorney John Wayne Jewell reported on the introduction of seven (7) proposed ordinances to declare the intent of the Police Jury to acquire full ownership interest in certain adjudicated properties in the parish.

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

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that seven (7) proposed ordinances to declare the intent of the Police Jury to acquire full ownership interest in certain adjudicated properties located as parcels of land from the Estate of John Stout (Parcel #50001450), from Virginia Gayle Williams, et al (Parcel #50001460), from Gino Soprano (Parcel #50159400), from Evelyn Resse Taylor (Parcel #50179500), from J. A. J. Services (Parcel #50447600), from Thomas W. Jeffrion (Parcel #50016476) & from Farmco, Inc. (Parcel #50842738) have been introduced before the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana, and that a public hearing will be held relative thereto at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Police Jury Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, 160 East Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana, after which said ordinances may be considered for adoption. All interested persons are urged to attend.

Unanimously carried.

UPDATE ON FALSE RIVER

President Olinde reported the water level on False River is 15.5 ft. and the gates are closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

APPROVE INVOICES FOR FR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION – PHASE II NORTH FLATS PROJECT, FR NITROGEN IMPACT MITIGATION PROJECT, GUSTAV/IKE DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM PARISH WIDE DRAINAGE PROJECTS AND LCDBG FY2018 WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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

RESOLVED, That invoices in the amount of \$44,625.00 and \$10,838.51 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the False River EcoSystem Restoration - Phase II North Flats Project be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That an invoice in the amount of \$2,452.38 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 \$113,235.72 (Interim Billing #71) submitted by Hunt, Guillot & Associates for the Hurricane Gustav/Ike Disaster Recovery Program Parish Wide Drainage Projects be approved for payment; and be it

RESOLVED further, That invoices in the amount of \$2,310.00, \$13,912.50 and \$927.50 submitted by Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation for the FY2018 LCDBG Wastewater System Improvements Project be approved for payment.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE) FOR JAMES JOFFRION

Floodplain Administrator Cletus Langlois reported on a request from Mr. James Joffrion asking approval of the Police Jury to lower the base flood elevation (BFE) to 23ft. on his property.

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

RESOLVED, That the base flood elevation (BFE) be lowered to 23ft. on the property of Mr. James Joffrion.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR UTILITY RELOCATIONS FOR THE PECAN ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation be authorized to advertise for bids in the official journal for the utility relocations for the Pecan Island Bridge Replacement Project.

Unanimously carried.

APPROVE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

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

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 2018 through 30 September 2019:

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.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE 6TH AMENDED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING FOR FR ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kyle Olinde be authorized to sign a 6th amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LA Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning for the False River EcoSystem Restoration Project.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN A GRANT APPLICATION WITH LA DOTD FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U. S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and the definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services: Therefore be it

RESOLVED by Pointe Coupee Parish:

1. That the President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the FTA transit programs.
2. That the President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.

- 4. That the President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
- 5. That the President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of Pointe Coupee Parish with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2018 AS ATCHAFALAYA MONTH IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH

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

**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 KYLE OLINDE, President of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2018**, as **ATCHAFALAYA MONTH** in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM ABC PAVING, LLC FOR ROAD REPAIRS ON DRIFTWOOD DRIVE, GISELE, CLEVELAND & CHARLES STREETS

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by ABC Paving, LLC in the total amount of \$12,000.00 for the road repairs on Driftwood Drive, Gisele, Cleveland and Charles Streets in Police Juror Districts 9, 11 & 12 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM LACOUR TREE SERVICE TO REMOVE A TREE FROM PARISH RIGHT-OF-WAY OFF ISLAND ROAD AT VENTRESS

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by LaCour Tree Service in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the removal of a tree from the parish right-of-way off of Island Road at Ventress in Juror District 5 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM RUSSELL & GRADY SR TO PERFORM MOLD INSPECTION IN THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING NO. 2

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Russell & Grady Sr. in the amount of \$1,500.00 to perform mold inspection in the Courthouse Annex Building No. 2 be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM WILLIAMS DIESEL & GAS REPAIRS, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO THE MECHANIC TRUCK

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

RESOLVED, That the proposal submitted by Williams Diesel & Gas Repairs, Inc. in the amount of \$5,510.30 for repairs to the mechanic truck be accepted.

Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO SIGN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FIDELITY CABLEVISION, INC. FOR PROVIDING OPERATOR'S FACILITIES TO THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX BUILDING FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

RESOLVED, That Mr. Kyle Olinde is authorized to sign an Easement Agreement between the Police Jury and Fidelity Cablevision, Inc. to provide operator's facilities to the Courthouse Annex Building for the District Attorney's Office.

Unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Bazile, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Gerrie P. Martin
Secretary

Kyle Olinde
President