**City of Ponchatoula**

**Ponchatoula Consolidated Board (PCB)**

A regular meeting was held Monday August 25th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Chairman Stephen Emmons called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Mr. Turner gave the invocation which followed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Steven Emmons, Carla Heisser, Carl Turner, Ryan Williams, Joey Daigle, and Byron Willie

Members absent were Luke McDaniels.

Ms. Heisser made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the previous meeting on July 28th, 2025. Mr. Willie seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Stephen Emmons introduced the first item on the agenda, a variance request from Jason Achord at 253 S Eighth St. Mr.Achord is seeking a variance to have the existing structure built close to the property line remain in place. Mr. Achord is the first person to get up and speak about his variance request for his lean-to on his shed. Mr. Achord started off stating he made a verbal agreement with Mr. Gibson before finishing the build of the lean-to on his shed. Mr. Achord said that he installed a gutter system on the side of the lean-to to catch water runoff and a sump pump with underground drainage to force the water to the front ditch.

Mr. Steve Gibson was the second person to stand up and speak. Mr. Gibson started off stating that he did not know the building codes when it came to the lean-to. Mr. Gibson spoke about a misunderstanding between him and Mr. Achord on the lean-to and the water drainage into his yard. Mr. Gibson wants the lean-to to be removed so that the excess water is not going into his yard. Mr. Daigle asked Mr. Gibson is there a solution to solve this issue for Mr. Achord to keep the lean-to. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Gibson who did he speak with about the gutter in which Mr. Gibson said Mr. Winburn and Mr. Achord. Mr. Willie asked Mr. Gibson about the concrete in the swell blocking drainage. Mr. Gibson stated he put concrete to block the excess water coming under the fence into his yard flooding it. The last question asked to Mr. Gibson was Mr. Emmons asking if the gutter and lean-to is removed, where does the water still go.

Mr. Danny Elstrott was the third person to stand up and speak. Mr. Elstrott spoke about a swell that ran behind the houses in the neighborhood, which drained the backyards of all the houses. Mr. Elstrott stated that the water is not draining because the swell was blocked by concrete in Mr. Gibson’s yard.

Ms. Jeannine Pender is the fourth person to stand up and talk about the water being mitigated under the fence because of the shed. Ms. Pender also stated there are barriers blocking the water from going down the ditch. Ms. Pender said that she also asked for a meet and greet with Mr. Elstrott to discuss the water issue and she was denied.

Mr. Randall Lejeune was the fifth person to speak about the lean-to in which he had no drainage problems.

Ms. Kathlene Elstrott was the final person to speak about the drainage. Ms. Elstrott spoke about their being a flooding issue no matter if the shed was there or not.

Mr. Willie made a motion to approve the variance request, with Mr. Daigle seconding. The approval was granted unanimously.

Mr. Emmons Yay

Ms. Heisser Yay

Mr. Turner Yay

Mr. Willie Yay

Mr. Williams Yay

Mr. Daigle Yay

No Public Input

No General Discussion

Ms. Heisser made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Williams with all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:34p.m.

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