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FOR MAYOR

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# My Plan for Grand Coteau

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for the people who live here.

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## Why I'm Running

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I love this town. But loving Grand Coteau means telling the truth about it: our finances are behind, our water system is failing, and our streets need work — and for too long, the money meant to fix these things has either sat unused or gone unwatched.

Here's what most people don't realize: **the money is largely already here**. What's been missing is management. I'm running because I know how to take a problem, a budget, and a deadline, and turn it into results — in the open, where you can see it. This is my plan. You can hold me to every word of it.

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## 1. Honest Books & Open Spending

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**The problem.** The town fell behind on its required state audits and landed on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's non-compliance list — which freezes money the town is owed from the state and federal government. Our books haven't been kept straight, and we've been spending more than we take in.

**My plan.**

- **Get the audit filed and get us off that list.** This is the first thing fully in our control — file the overdue audit, the state reviews it, and we're removed. The day that happens, our money starts flowing again.
  - **Get the books right and keep them right.** Bring in a qualified clerk and an independent CPA review every month, so two sets of eyes check the numbers — not one.
  - **No numbers, no vote.** Every department will bring a current, line-by-line budget showing exactly where its money stands to every meeting. Nothing gets approved without it. You can't manage — or approve, or deny — what you can't see.
  - **A monthly financial report, open to the public.** Plain language. Every month. So any resident can see where their dollars go.
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## 2. Clean Water That Doesn't Go Out

**The problem.** Our water system is old and failing. We've lived it — a main break that closed our schools, repeat boil advisories, and discolored water at the tap. The state graded our water system a **D**.

**My plan.**

- **Put the money we already have to work — before we lose it.** There's a \$3.7 million state water grant and federal money to rebuild the sewer plant. Grant money comes with deadlines; my job is to make sure it gets spent right and on time, not left on the table.
- **Fix the worst lines first,** so we stop the breaks before they happen instead of scrambling after.
- **Stop the brown water** with the right treatment — a fix you'll see at your own faucet.
- **A fair rate that funds upkeep,** so the system pays to maintain itself and we're not always reacting to the next emergency. Any change kept as easy on households as the math allows.

## 3. Roads That Actually Get Fixed

**The problem.** A town our size can't pave its own streets out of its own budget. The money for it comes from the state and the parish — and the state road money we have is a promise that has to be worked every single year, or we lose it.

**My plan.**

- **Turn the promise into pavement.** Our street-improvement dollars in the state capital outlay budget have to be made shovel-ready, matched with our local share, and pushed from a promise to an actual cash commitment. I'll work that process — and re-file it every year so it never quietly falls off the books.
- **Use the parish road program** for grading, culverts, and drainage our own budget can't cover.
- **Chase every grant we qualify for,** year after year. Small dollars, stacked, pave streets.

## How I'll Govern

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Three principles guide all of it:

- **In the open.** If the public can't see it, it isn't being done right. Books, budgets, and decisions out where everyone can look.
  - **The money's ours to manage.** Grants and state dollars aren't favors from any politician — they're the town's money, and the job is making sure they turn into results.
  - **Grow our way forward.** We strengthen Grand Coteau by welcoming visitors to the food, music, and history that make it special, helping local businesses grow, and bringing home the grants and investment the town has earned.
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## Be Part of It

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This campaign runs on neighbors, not insiders. If you believe Grand Coteau can be run right:

- **Spread the word** — talk to your family, your church, your block.
- **Get involved** — reach out at [info@miltonarceneaux.com](mailto:info@miltonarceneaux.com).
- **Contribute** — make checks payable to Milton Arceneaux for Mayor, PO Box 395, Grand Coteau, LA 70541. Individuals may give up to \$2,000 per election; contributions are not tax-deductible.

**The money's there. The management isn't. Let's fix that — together.**

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