

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT

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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JULY 10, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District met at its regular meeting place, 10 Calvert Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Messrs. Chris Roy, Jr, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Keith Lacombe, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Andrew C. Leon, St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Warren Byrd, Executive Director; Debbie Hooper Lafleur, Board Secretary; and Guests

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lafleur. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mrs. Lafleur; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr, Mr. Keith Lacombe and Mr. Andrew C. Leon were present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any public comments they may have regarding the agenda; however, no one offered public comments.

#### RESOLUTION 51-2018

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Madstone Land Company to drill a water well in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed water well will be a 4" PVC casing with an approximate depth of 160'; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby required to receive written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Public Works and Water Resources Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations Division for the project as described in the documentation provided with the permit request to the levee board; and,

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and to ensure that all is in accordance with standards set forth by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

### **RESOLUTION 52-2018**

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe  
Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Blair Rachal and Michael Lessing for the installation of a mobile home in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mobile home will be placed on a lot off of Hamburg Loop near the Bayou Des Glaises Levee segment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mobile home will be far enough from the Bayou Des Glaises Levee as to not encroach the levee ROW or to cause damage to the levee segment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby required to receive written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Public Works and Water Resources Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations Division for the project as described in the documentation provided with the permit request to the levee board; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and to ensure that all is in accordance with standards set

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forth by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

### RESOLUTION 53-2018

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe

Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Buster Rico for the installation of a cattle guard in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the cattle guard will be installed at the toe of a permitted levee ramp on the Mansura to Hamburg Levee segment at Rico Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, the cattle guard will be constructed and installed by RRABB and the cattle guard will be built per the RRABB/USACE specs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby required to receive written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Public Works and Water Resources Division and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Operations Division for the project as described in the documentation provided with the permit request to the levee board; and,

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Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded Mr. Andrew C. Leon to delay the permit request from Central Louisiana Regional Port due to lack of supporting documents showing detailed construction drawings.

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### RESOLUTION 54-2018

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Chasity Hayes to construct a new home and driveway access near the Cassandra Hills (Upper Vick) Levee in Avoyelles Parish, and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed home will be over 400' from the toe of the Cassandra Hills (Upper Vick) Levee, and;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed home and the access driveway will not encroach on the levee ROW or cause damage to the levee segment and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby required to receive written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Public Works and Water Resources Division for the project as described in the documentation provided with the permit request to the levee board; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and to ensure that all is in accordance with standards set forth by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

Mr. Tony Tradewell gave a presentation about a project that would utilize the levee crown as a bike path. Mr. Tradewell will keep the Levee Board informed of other meetings that will take place in Baton Rouge that concerns the proposed project.

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Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon and Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe to delay the proposed land swap request from Mr. Wade Bordelon. Mr. Bordelon requested the delay by phone to Mr. Byrd one day prior the meeting.

Mr. Byrd discussed improving communication between the farmers in Rapides Parish, RRABB and the Rapides Parish Police Jury concerning irrigation matters for Bayou Boeuf and Chatlin Lake Canal. A possible group text between representatives from each agency may remedy the communication issue. Mr. Byrd will discuss the issue with the various stakeholders and set up efforts for group communication.

### [RESOLUTION 55-2018](#)

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe  
Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the Consideration and Approval of a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Electric Control Systems; and,

**WHEREAS**, ECS has provided maintenance, technical assistance and repairs to both the Bayou Rapides Pumping Station and the Spanish Bayou Pumping Station in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, ECS will continue to provide such services at the agreed upon contract rates set forth in the Preventive Maintenance Agreement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Preventive Maintenance Agreement will be for a period of two years; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to approve the Preventive Maintenance Agreement.

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### RESOLUTION 56-2018

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe  
Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the Consideration and Approval of a RRABB Uniform Policy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RRABB uniform policy will advise the employees of proper uniform usage; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does approve the RRABB Uniform Policy as presented.

### RESOLUTION 57-2018

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the advertisement to solicit bids for a 40 acre recreational tract located in Rapides; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 40 acre tract is located off of Gerald Belgard Road in Deville, LA; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Levee District will publicly advertise the tract for 3 weeks and then open bids at the RRABB office; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to grant authority to the Executive Director to advertise the tract and solicit bids.



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### RESOLUTION 58-2018

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr  
Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the received bids for a 3.90 acre campsite located in Rapides; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 3.9 acre campsite is located on Big Creek off of T. Man Lucas Road in Deville, LA; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Levee District received two bids for the lease of the campsite; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018 does hereby agree to grant the lease to Mr. Brad Sticker who had the highest bid.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

Mr. Warren Byrd gave an update on the USACE Vicksburg levee inspections that took place in June. Mr. Byrd reminded the Commissioners of the mandatory pay increases from Civil Service will be go into effect on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon.

### CERTIFICATE

I, Deborah Hooper Lafleur, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolutions adopted by said Board of the meeting duly convened on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018, at which meeting a quorum of members of said Board was represented.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my official signature of said Board at Alexandria, Louisiana, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.

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Board Secretary