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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MARCH 6, 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, March 6, 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; 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 13-2018

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 Brett Clark for the installation of a fence located in Section 14, T3S, R5E of the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 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

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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 14-2018

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 the City of Alexandria for drainage repairs to an existing 5'x5' RCB under the intersection of MacArthur Drive and Rapides Avenue located in Section 33, T4N, R1W in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, this particular subsurface drainage system outflows into Bayou Rapides and the City of Alexandria proposes to install a sluice gate within the system to prohibit water from backing into the drainage system during a high water on Bayou Rapides; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 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.

RESOLUTION 15-2018

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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Jason LeBourgeois to install a 2” gas main along the streets of Pineville in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Atmos Gas will replace a 2” gas main that runs along several of the streets in Pineville that are within 1500’ of the Pineville Levee segment; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 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 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 16-2018

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 Jason LeBourgeois to install a 2” gas main across the Pineville Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Atmos Gas will replace a 2” gas main that runs along several of the streets in Pineville that are within 1500’ of the Pineville Levee segment; and,

WHEREAS, Atmos Gas proposes to cross the Pineville Levee segment in two different locations in order to provide gas service to the residences on the unprotected side of the Pineville Levee; 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 17-2018

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 Red River Waterway Commission to construct improvements at the Boyce Recreation Area in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the RRWC proposes to constructed a new floating dock with accessible walkway, a new asphalt walking/nature trail and a new playground area; and,

WHEREAS, the Boyce Recreation Area is within 1500' of the Southbank Levee segment in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 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

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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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RESOLUTION 18-2018

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 Eustis Engineering, LLC to install six inclinometers for the Alon Refining Facility in Krotz Springs in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the inclinometers will provide Alon Refinery bank stability evaluations near their Dock #1 on the Atchafalaya River; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 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 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.

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RESOLUTION 19-2018

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 advertising for public bid a newly created 0.574 acre tract in Avoyelles Parish in the Big Creek area; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will publicly advertise the 0.574 acre tract in the official journal for three consecutive weeks and accept public bids; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 2018 does hereby agree to advertise and accept public bids for the 0.574 acre tract in Avoyelles Parish in the Big Creek area.

RESOLUTION 20-2018

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 newly created internal RRABB policy titled "Optional Pay Adjustment Policy" created by the Executive Director; and,

WHEREAS, the "Optional Pay Adjustment Policy" will allow the Levee Board to provide pay adjustments to RRABB employees under certain conditions outlined in the La. Civil Service rules and regulations ; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Civil Service Commission reviewed and approved the RRABB policy titled "Optional Pay Adjustment Policy" at their February 7, 2018 Commission meeting ; and,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 2018 does hereby agree to approve the internal RRABB policy titled "Option Pay Adjustment Policy" that will allow flexibility in granting employee pay adjustment. This policy has been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

RESOLUTION 21-2018

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 ALBL's Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition Contribution request that was submitted to RRABB from the Association of Levee Board of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana requested that Louisiana levee boards contribute \$5,000.00 toward the Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition fund; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 2018 does hereby agree to consider and approve of a one-time payment of \$2,500 towards the ALBL's Louisiana Flood Risk Coalition.

Executive Director, Mr. Warren Byrd discussed two RRABB hunting tracts that were publically advertised for bid in February and March of 2018. RRABB did not receive any submitted bids for either the 40 acre tract in St. Landry Parish or the 125 acre tract in Rapides Parish. RRABB will seek to obtain servitudes and/or right of passages to both of these tracts and then re-advertise at a later date.

RESOLUTION 22-2018

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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the consideration of a request from the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1; and,

WHEREAS, the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 proposes a 3 year project to spray herbicide in a 2.5 mile section of Little Darbonne Bayou in St. Landry Parish in order to eradicate the aquatic vegetation; and,

WHEREAS, Little Darbonne Bayou in St. Landry Parish is inundated with aquatic vegetation which is potentially hindering the flow of water out to Bayou Courtebleau; and,

WHEREAS, Little Darbonne Bayou in St. Landry Parish is located in the jurisdictional boundaries of the RRABB Levee District; and,

WHEREAS, the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 is reaching out to several local agencies to solicit help in eradicating the aquatic vegetation in Little Darbonne Bayou ; and,

WHEREAS, the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 submitted a request letter to the RRABB Levee District requesting financial assistance for the aquatic vegetation removal project in the amount of \$20,000; and,

WHEREAS, the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the RRABB Levee District that details the specifics of the duties and responsibilities of RRABB and the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6th day of March 2018 does hereby agree to assist the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 in the herbicide spraying of Little Darbonne Bayou and agrees to contribute up to \$10,000 for the overall project.

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

Executive Director, Mr. Warren Byrd gave an update on the recent flooding of the Red River and the Atchafalaya and how RRABB is working to ensure levee safety.

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

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 6th day of March 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 6th day of March 2018.

Board Secretary