

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 4, 2025**

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, February 4, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Paul Dausat, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. John Earles, II, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; and Ms. Julie Dupuis, St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Jarmarquis Torrence (DOTD) and Guests. Absent: Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Rapides Parish Commissioner and Mr. Jess Vanderlick, Rapides Parish Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul Dausat. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Paul Dausat, Mr. John Earles, II, and Ms. Julie Dupuis were present. Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. and Mr. Jess Vanderlick were absent. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any public comments they may have regarding the agenda. No public comments were made.

Motion by Ms. Julie Dupuis and seconded by Mr. John Earles, II to adopt the minutes/resolutions of the previous month.

RESOLUTION 01-2025

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II
Seconded by Mr. Paul Dausat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered certain RRABB assets as surplus property; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB currently has an auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auctions in order to properly dispose of RRABB machinery and equipment declared surplus; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB has upgraded the mowing fleet (tractors and cutters) and now has the following items that can be surplus; and,

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| 1. Unit 645 – 2006 John Deere 7320 tractor | +10,000 hrs |
| 2. Unit 646 – 2006 John Deere 7320 tractor | +10,000 hrs |
| 3. Unit 662 – 2008 John Deere 7130 tractor | +10,000 hrs |
| 4. Unit 664 – 2008 John Deere 7130 tractor | +10,000 hrs |
| 5. Unit 688 – 2013 John Deere HX15 cutter | |
| 6. Unit 689 – 2013 John Deere HX15 cutter | |
| 7. Unit 690 – 2013 John Deere HX15 cutter | |
| 8. Unit 691 – 2013 John Deere HX15 cutter | |
| 9. Unit 692 – 2013 John Deere HX15 cutter | |
| 10. Unit 693 – 2013 John Deere HX15 cutter | |

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4th day of February 2025 does hereby agree to surplus John Deere tractors and cutters.

RESOLUTION 02-2025

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II
Seconded by Ms. Julie Dupuis

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered amending the 2024-2025 RRABB Annual Budget for the purchase of two dump trucks; and,

WHEREAS, currently, RRABB has budgeted in the capital outlay category for Machinery and Equipment a total of \$450,000.00 which includes purchase of two new tractors and five new cutters; and,

WHEREAS, all of the budgeted equipment has been ordered and waiting on delivery (two cutters already received); and,

WHEREAS, it was intended to wait until the 2025-2026 budget cycle to begin the process of replacing two dump trucks but with the recent damage incident and long lead times, it is requested that a budget amendment be approved so that the acquisition process can begin; and,

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WHEREAS, a current quote for the proposed trucks (\$115,000/each) which would require a budget amendment of \$230,000.00 to be added to Machinery and Equipment under capital outlay; and,

WHEREAS, previous quotes on this model truck 18 months ago were \$150,000.00 per unit; and,

WHEREAS, bids will have to be received as there is not a current state contract; and,

WHEREAS, estimated lead time is 10 months so the acquisition would not take place until the next budget year; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4th day of February 2025 does hereby agree to advertise for bid two new dump trucks and amending the RRABB 2024-2025 Annual Budget to include these trucks.

REVENUES

Taxes	\$3,200,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$50,000
Fees & Self-Generated Funds	\$848,400
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,098,400

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$1,023,500
Fringe Benefits	\$875,800
Operating Services	\$1,045,100
Travel	\$18,000
Professional Services	\$59,000
Capital Outlay	\$1,077,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,098,400

RESOLUTION 03-2025

Motion by Mr. Paul Dauzat
Seconded by Mr. John Earles, II

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Central Louisiana Regional Port to construct a steel fabrication facility and access road near the Red River South Bank Levee; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to construct a steel fabrication facility and access road in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4th day of February 2025 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 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 04-2025

Motion by Ms. Julie Dupuis
Seconded by Mr. John Earles, II

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Geotechnical Testing Laboratory to perform soil borings near the Pineville Levee; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to two soil borings in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4th day of February 2025 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,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that upon written approval from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and 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.

Motion by Mr. Paul Dausat and seconded by Ms. Julie Dupuis to approve payment of the bills for the previous month.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Paul Dausat and seconded by John Earles, II.

CERTIFICATE

I, Ryan Ingles, 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 4th day of February 2025, 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 the 4th day of February 2025.



Board Secretary