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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
April 1, 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, April 1, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. John Earles, II, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Jess Vanderlick, Rapides Parish Commissioner; and Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Rapides Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Logan Monk (DOTD) and Guests. Late: Mr. Paul Dauzat, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner. Absent: Ms. Julie Dupuis, St. Landry Parish Commissioner.

The Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District opened with a public hearing, as follows:

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

Discuss renewal of existing millage rate for the taxable property of the RRABB Levee District. No public comments.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ryan Ingles. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. John Earles, II, Mr. Jess Vanderlick, and Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. were present. Mr. Paul Dauzat was late. Ms. Julie Dupuis was 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.

**RESOLUTION 10-2025**

On Motion by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.  
Seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick

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**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District:

	<u>2025 Millage Levy</u>
Maintenance of the Flood Control System	3.710
Acreage	20 cents per acre
Railroad	\$100

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Avoyelles, Rapides and St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. John Earles, II, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Mr. Jess Vanderlick  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: Mr. Paul Dauszat, Ms. Julie Dupuis

Mr. Paul Dauszat entered the meeting.

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. to adopt the minutes/resolutions of the previous month.

**RESOLUTION 11-2025**

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II  
Seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered consolidating the financial accounts of the RRABB Levee District; and,

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**WHEREAS**, currently, RRABB operates with three financial accounts including Capital One Bank (Operating Checking), Louisiana Asset Management Pool (Investment Account), and Red River Bank (Savings Account); and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) account average 90-day yield is 4.40% and the Red River Bank Savings Account Yields 0.01%; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current balance in the Red River Savings Account is \$100,822 as of February 2025; 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025 does hereby agree to authorize the Executive Director to close the Red River Savings Account and transfer funds within the operating checking or LAMP account.

**RESOLUTION 12-2025**

Motion by Mr. Paul Dauzat  
Seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Mr. Don Brevelle to install a water well in the Brouillette Community near the Brouillette Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a 6” water well with 4” discharge approximately 120’ deep; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 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 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, 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 13-2025**

Motion by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.  
Seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Direct/Star Communications to install fiber optic cable within the communities of Melville and Krotz Springs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install 13.6 miles of fiber optic cable along LA Hwy 105 near the West Atchafalaya River Levee and along local roads within the communities of Melville and Krotz Springs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 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 14-2025**

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II  
Seconded by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for Tract R-5, a 40-acre land lease in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the previous lessee for Tract R-5 terminated their lease agreement by written notice; and,

**WHEREAS**, the previous lease was for \$20.38/acre; and,

**WHEREAS**, the staff has publicly advertised the tract for three consecutive weeks and the bids were opened on March 31, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.; and,

**WHEREAS**, there was only one bid received from Mr. Matthew Morgan for the amount of \$12.50/acre; 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025 does hereby agree to accept the bid from Mr. Matthew Morgan in the amount of \$12.50/acre.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Requirements

- To inform commissioners of annual requirement to submit Tier 2.1 financial disclosure forms by May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. As a member of a board or commission that has the authority to expend, disburse, or invest \$10,000 or more of funds in a fiscal year, you are required to file a financial disclosure statement on or before May 15 of each year you hold office and by May 15 of the year following the termination of the holding of such office. Instructions and Tier 2.1 Form were provided to be submitted directly to the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick to approve payment of the bills for the previous month.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Paul Dausat and seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2025.

  
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Board Secretary