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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING July 2, 2024

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 2, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. John F. Earles, II, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; and Mr. Paul Dauzat, Rapides Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Jarmarquis Torrence (DOTD) and Guests.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leon. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Andrew C. Leon, Mr. John F. Earles, II and Mr. Paul Dauzat 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.

Motion by Mr. John F. Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Paul Dauzat to add an item to the agenda for Levee Pipe Inspections.

Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any public comments they may have regarding the addition of this agenda item. No public comments were made.

The roll call vote was performed by Mr. Ryan Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS: Mr. John F. Earles, II, Mr. Paul Dauzat and Mr. Andrew C. Leon
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

RESOLUTION 29-2024

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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered the proposal received for aquatic vegetation spraying services; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB received a proposal from Patriot Pond and Lake Management that provides pricing for aquatic vegetation spraying services; and,

WHEREAS, currently, there is an excessive amount of nuisance vegetation in the Diversion Canal/Bayou Boeuf System that can be addressed via herbicide spraying; 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 2nd day of July 2024 does hereby agree to accept Patriot Pond and Lake Management's proposal to provide aquatic vegetation spraying services.

RESOLUTION 30-2024

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered brokerage options for RRABB Liability Insurance Policies; and,

WHEREAS, Turrentine Insurance Agency, Inc. has served as RRABB's insurance broker since 2017 providing coverage for the following; and,

- Workers Compensation and Employers Liability (\$34,825/yr)
- Commercial Property & System Breakdown, Inland Marine, General Liability, Wrongful Acts & Professional Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Commercial Crime, Business Automobile and Excess Liability through Tokio Marine Specialty Insurance Company (\$84,258.25/yr)
- Land Lease Liability (\$8,742.39/yr)
- Cyber Liability (\$3,254.77/yr)

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WHEREAS, RRABB received notices that Tokio Marine Specialty Insurance Company has elected not to renew the Commercial Liability Policy as of August 1, 2024 due to them ending coverage in the State of Louisiana for their water districts program; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of July 2024 does hereby agree to give the Executive Director authority to receive alternate proposals from Turrentine Insurance Agency, Inc. and renew RRABB’s insurance policies by August 1, 2024.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Andrew C. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles;

- YEAS: Mr. John F. Earles, II, Mr. Paul Dauzat and Mr. Andrew C. Leon
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSTAINED: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE

RESOLUTION 31-2024

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered authorizing the advertisement of bids for the purchase of two tractors that were included in the 2024-2025 budget; and,

WHEREAS, included in RRABB’s 2024-2025 annual budget was the purchase of two new tractors; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed tractors (approximately 150hp – agricultural tractors), cannot be purchased on Louisiana State Contract because the state contract is limited to items with an individual net price of less than \$100,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated and budgeted amount is \$150,000.00 per machine, therefore necessitating advertising for public bid; and,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of July 2024 does hereby agree to authorize the advertisement for public bid the purchase of two new tractors.

RESOLUTION 32-2024

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Direct Communications/Star Communications to place conduit/fiber near the levees in Simmesport, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to install fiber conduit within the required permit boundary near the West Atchafalaya River Levee and Ring Levee in Simmesport; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of July 2024 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 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 33-2024

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

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request that is “After the Fact” from Cable South Media 3 dba SwyftConnect to place conduit/fiber near the levees in the Moncla and Ft. Derussy communities; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to install fiber conduit within the required permit boundary near the Red River South Bank Levees in Moncla and Ft. Derussy communities; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of July 2024 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 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 34-2024

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered the proposal for levee pipe inspections in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, it is required by the USACE to conduct camera inspections for all levee penetrations on a five (5) year interval; and,

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WHEREAS, RRABB currently has five sites that require inspections, including Spanish Bayou Pump Station, Purple Heart Bridge Culverts (2), and Huffman Creek Pump Station (2); and,

WHEREAS, RRABB has received a proposal from Air Data Solutions, LLC to provide these inspections; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB will be responsible for providing the dewatering of these structures; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this work will be completed in July/August 2024; 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 2nd day of July 2024 does hereby agree to the proposal received from Air Data Solutions to provide levee pipe inspections.

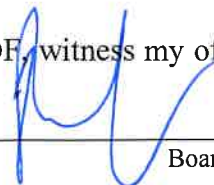
Motion by Mr. John F. Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Paul Dausat and seconded by Mr. John F. 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 2nd day of July 2024, 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 2nd day of July 2024.



Board Secretary