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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
January 4, 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 Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Rapides Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Jonathan Lachney (DOTD) and Guests. Absent: Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leon. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Andrew C. Leon and Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. were present. Mr. Christopher Dauzat 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 01-2024**

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 a Permit Request from AT&T for the installation of buried and aerial fiber cable along Hwy 1196 and Vick Road to provide service to a Louisiana State Police cell tower near Lock and Dam 1; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install fiber optic cable with aerial portion being attached to existing poles and buried portion trenched and bored along the edge of Hwy 1196 and Vick Road opposite of the levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 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

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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 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 02-2024**

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 a Permit Request from Laurie Lemoine for the installation of a water well in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a 10" water well at a depth of 120' approximately 380' from the Big Bend Levee near the Big Bend Community to be used for irrigation purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 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 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.

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**RESOLUTION 03-2024**

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 a Permit Request from Byron Lemoine for the installation of a water well in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a 10" water well at a depth of 120' approximately 250' from the Big Bend Levee near the Big Bend Community to be used for irrigation purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 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 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 04-2024**

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 and considered a proposed land exchange between RABB and Cutoff Properties; and,

**WHEREAS**, Act 153 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized this exchange; and,

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**WHEREAS**, RRABB received correspondence from Cutoff Properties informing that they are not able to obtain a defined Right of Way from the adjacent landowner for the property being exchanged; and,

**WHEREAS**, the original agreement was subject to Cutoff Properties being able to secure a Right of Way for this property;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024 does hereby agree to abrogate prior resolution supporting the proposed land exchange for failure to obtain a defined Right of Way.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: Bayou Rapides, Boeuf, Cocodrie Channel Improvements, Diversion Channels and Control Structures – Flood Control Project

The Bayou Rapides, Boeuf and Cocodrie Channel Improvements, Diversion Channels and Control Structures Projects was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 18 August 1941.

The project is located in Rapides, Avoyelles, Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes extending from its upper limit at the Diversion Channel Control Structure located near the RRABB HQ office to its lower limit at the confluence of Bayous Cocodrie, Boeuf and Courtableau near Washington, LA.

The project consists of diversion channels, channel improvements by clearing and snagging and enlargement and realignment, totaling approximately 104 miles. Control Structures (Diversion Channel Gates at Bayou Rapides, Bayou Lamourie Gate Structure, Lecompte Spillway) and several bridges were constructed.

Local cooperation for the operation and maintenance of the project was provided by the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District by resolution adopted 3 March 1945 and Acts of Assurance dated 9 March 1945. These assurances state “That



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the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District will assume responsibility for all maintenance and operation charges after completion of project.

After discussion was held concerning RRABB's responsibilities relating to abandoned timber bridges that could potentially cause impediments to drainage along the diversion channel, staff was instructed to work with landowners at these sites to address as allowed within our statutory obligations.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

  
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Board Secretary