

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Christopher Dauzat, Vice President  
Avoyelles

Andrew C. Leon, President  
St. Landry

Chris Roy, Jr, Commissioner  
Rapides



10 Calvert Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71303-3519  
Phone (318) 443-9646  
Fax (318) 443-9650  
www.rrabb.net



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING February 6, 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, February 6, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Vice President and Avoyelles 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.

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. Christopher Dauzat and Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. 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.

### RESOLUTION 05-2024

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Runnin' Wild Farms (Kristen Burfield) for the installation of two cattle guards and associated cross fence on the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in Southern Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install two large cattle guards and cross fences on the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 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

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Christopher Dauzat, Vice President  
Avoyelles*

*Andrew C. Leon, President  
St. Landry*

*Chris Roy, Jr, Commissioner  
Rapides*



10 Calvert Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71303-3519  
Phone (318) 443-9646  
Fax (318) 443-9650  
www.rrabb.net



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 06-2024**

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for bridges to be constructed on LA 10 near Melville; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to replace three existing bridges near the ring levee on LA 10 in Melville; and,

**WHEREAS**, proposed improvements include bridge replacement, earthwork, and minor drainage improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 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

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Christopher Dauzat, Vice President*  
*Avoyelles*

*Andrew C. Leon, President*  
*St. Landry*

*Chris Roy, Jr, Commissioner*  
*Rapides*



10 Calvert Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71303-3519  
Phone (318) 443-9646  
Fax (318) 443-9650  
www.rrabb.net



Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

**RESOLUTION 07-2024**

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered amending the RRABB 2023-2024 annual budget to increase the equipment rental budget category with associated offset from the levee repair and maintenance budget category; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, RRABB has \$10,000.00 included in the 2023-2024 budget for equipment rental which is primarily used for the rental of long reach excavator and skid steer; and,

**WHEREAS**, thus far, RRABB has expended \$9,700.00 on equipment rental with 5 months remaining in the budget year; and,

**WHEREAS**, with the recent rains, it is expected that debris removal and fence line erosion repairs requiring rental equipment will be needed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the overall budget will not be increased as the offset will be taken from the levee repairs and maintenance category; 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 does hereby agree to amending the RRABB 2023-2024 Annual Budget to decrease the levee repairs and maintenance category by \$15,000.00 and increase the equipment rental category by \$15,000.00.

**REVENUES**

Taxes	\$3,100,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$50,000
Fees & Self-Generated Funds	\$781,900

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Christopher Dausat, Vice President  
Avoyelles

Andrew C. Leon, President  
St. Landry

Chris Roy, Jr, Commissioner  
Rapides



10 Calvert Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71303-3519  
Phone (318) 443-9646  
Fax (318) 443-9650  
www.rrabb.net



TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,931,900
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries	\$982,000
Fringe Benefits	\$845,800
Operating Services	\$996,600
Travel	\$12,000
Professional Services	\$79,500
Capital Outlay	\$1,016,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,931,900

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. Christopher Dausat, Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., and Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 3: USACE Levee Safety Review – Brouillette Levee

Information was provided concerning the recent levee safety review inspection on the Brouillette Levee by the USACE and Consulting Engineering Firms.

In 2017, the United States Congress passed legislation mandating the USACE obtain inventory and perform levee safety inspections of all levees including those with no federal interest. The Brouillette Levee was 1 of 4 non-federal levees chosen to participate in a pilot program so that the USACE and consulting engineering firms could refine their processes to accomplish this task.

On, January 9<sup>th</sup>, USACE/RRABB/Consultants/DOTD performed a visual inspection of the Brouillette Levee and subsequently met at RRABB HQ to complete a levee safety review including breach analysis.

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Christopher Dauzat, Vice President  
Avoyelles*

*Andrew C. Leon, President  
St. Landry*

*Chris Roy, Jr, Commissioner  
Rapides*



10 Calvert Drive  
Alexandria, LA 71303-3519  
Phone (318) 443-9646  
Fax (318) 443-9650  
www.rrabb.net



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

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary