

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 1, 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, October 1, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Paul Dautzat, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Ms. Julie Dupuis, St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Rapides Parish Commissioner; and Mr. Jess Vanderlick, Rapides Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Jarmarquis Torrence (DOTD) and Guests. Absent: Mr. John Earles, II, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner.

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

Motion by Mr. Jess Vanderlick and seconded by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. to adopt the minutes/resolutions of the previous month.

RESOLUTION 56-2024

Motion by Mr. Julie Dupuis
Seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered purchasing five new Batwing cutters under state contract; and,

WHEREAS, included in the RRABB 2024-2025 annual budget was \$150,000.00 for the purchase five new cutters; and,

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WHEREAS, the proposed cutters, Rhino 4150, can be purchased on Louisiana State Contract; and,

WHEREAS, Progressive Tractor and Implement has submitted a quote for the Rhino Batwin Cutters as provided on State Contract; and,

WHEREAS, quoted price is \$29,525.98 each for a total of \$147,629.90; 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 1st day of October 2024 does hereby agree to the purchase of five new Rhino 4150 Batwing Cutters under Louisiana State Contract.

RESOLUTION 57-2024

Motion by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.
Seconded by M. Paul Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered professional services for conceptual design for additional capacity at the Rigolette Drainage Structure; and,

WHEREAS, to consider accepting a proposal from Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix and Hixson (MMLH) consulting engineers to provide a conceptual design for additional outlet capacity for the Rigolette Drainage Structure that includes hydraulic comparisons, preliminary layout, and refined cost estimate; and,

WHEREAS, at the September Board Meeting, the Executive Director was authorized via resolution to request that the USACE resume the Aloha-Rigolette Area, Louisiana Drainage Study in an effort to seek a solution to the extended duration flooding caused upstream of the drainage structure due to inadequate drainage capacity; and,

WHEREAS, a proposal from MMLH to provide engineering services to perform a hydraulic analysis of the addition of six box culverts, prepare conceptual plans, and refined construction estimate; 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 1st day of October 2024 does hereby agree to accept the proposal from Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix and Hixson for the amount of \$6,750 to provide a conceptual design for additional outlet capacity for the Rigolette Drainage Structure that includes hydraulic comparisons, preliminary layout, and refined cost estimate.

RESOLUTION 58-2024

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 Chadwick Joffrion to construct a borrow pit crossing that is adjacent to the levee in Avoyelles Parish (Agenda Item #8); and,

WHEREAS, discussed a Permit Request from Martin Marietta Materials Southwest, LLC to conduct road maintenance and construction for access to the existing spur rail located near the Central Louisiana Regional Port in Rapides Parish (Agenda Item #9); and,

WHEREAS, discussed a Permit Request from the Central Louisiana Regional Port to construct 6 mooring anchors within the recently constructed hardstands and offload dock on the Port property in Rapides Parish (Agenda Item #10); and,

WHEREAS, discussed a Permit Request from the Central Louisiana Regional Port to clear a five-acre area and construct a hardstand in Rapides Parish (Agenda Item #11); and,

WHEREAS, discussed a Permit Request from the Avoyelles Water Commission to construct a water well adjacent to existing wells in Avoyelles Parish (Agenda Item #12); and,

WHEREAS, a Permit Request from Cable South Media 3, LLC (SWYFT) to install subsurface and aerial fiber lines near the Bordelonville Community in Avoyelles Parish (Agenda Item #13); and,

WHEREAS, a Permit Request from Cleco to install power poles and aerial crossing of Bayou Boeuf in two locations along Robinson Bridge Road in Rapides Parish (Agenda Item #14); and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of October 2024 does hereby unanimously agree to grant permission en globo (Agenda Items 8,9,10,11,12,13,14) for each project, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby required to receive written approval as applicable 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 as applicable, 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: RRABB Liability Insurance Policies

- Turrentine Insurance Agency, Inc. has provided a liability insurance policy offered by Glatfelter for RRABB coverage for 8/1/24 through 8/1/25.
- Coverage includes Property, Crime, Inland Marine, Auto, General Liability, Public Officials and Management Liability, and Excess Liability. The premium for the coverage is \$117,709.07 as compared to last year's amount of \$85,474.52 (~38% increase).
- A representative from Brown and Brown Insurance was present to request authorization to seek comparable coverage options.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 4: RRABB By-laws

- Act No. 372 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature made significant changes to the composition and duties of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District.
- The executive director discussed options for the revision of the by-laws to be presented at the next board meeting in November.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 6: Commissioner Training/Financial Disclosure Requirements

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- ACT No. 372 of the 2023 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session provides that “At the beginning of a term, each board member shall receive a minimum of three hours of training and instruction on the laws of this state governing powers, duties, and responsibilities of levee board commissioners, the bylaws of the board of commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District, and in environmental science particularly flood protection.”
- Louisiana R.S. 42:343-A(1) states “Each public servant shall receive a minimum of one hour of education and training on preventing sexual harassment during each full calendar year of this public employment or term of office, as the case may be.”
- Public servants and elected officials are required to take one hour of training per calendar year on the Code of Governmental Ethics pursuant to LA R.S. 42:1170-A.
- Louisiana R.S. 1124.2.1-A(1) states “Each member and any designee of a member of a board or commission that has the authority to expend, disburse, or invest ten thousand dollars or more of funds in a fiscal year” shall annually file a financial statement by May 15th (Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure unless other office held requires different disclosure form).

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: ALBL 2024 Annual Meeting in New Orleans

- The annual ALBL meeting in New Orleans will be held from December 4th – December 5th, 2024 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Accommodations need to be made by the Staff to ensure proper registration and hotel rooms are reserved. The meeting agenda has been made available. Board members will notify Staff if they plan to attend.

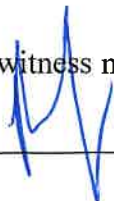
Motion by Mr. Paul Dauzat and seconded by Ms. Julie Dupuis to approve payment of the bills for the previous month.

Motion to Adjourn made by Ms. Julie Dupuis and seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick.

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 1st day of October 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 1st day of October 2024.



Board Secretary