

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

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING April 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 Monday, April 1, 2024 at 1:00 o'clock p.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. John F. Earles, II, Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., 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. 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 15-2024](#)

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. John F. Earles, II

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Port of Krotz Springs for the installation and relocation of cattle guards and associated cross fence on the West Atchafalaya River Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install one cattle guard and relocate another one on the West Atchafalaya River Levee; 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 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

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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 16-2024**

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. Mr. John F. Earles, II

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Acadian Gas Pipeline for the installation of a pipeline riser near the West Atchafalaya River Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to excavate an area for the installation of a pipeline riser at the Alon Refinery Station near the West Atchafalaya Rive Levee in 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 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.

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### RESOLUTION 17-2024

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

Seconded by Mr. Mr. John F. Earles, II

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Mr. Douglas Gerace for the installation of a levee ramp and cattle guard with associated cross fence on the West Atchafalaya River Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a levee ramp and cattle guard on the West Atchafalaya River Levee; 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 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 18-2024

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

Seconded by Mr. John F. Earles, II

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for Tract A4 an 80-acre hunting lease in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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**WHEREAS**, currently, Tract A4 is not being leased as it was part of a proposed land exchange which was never effectuated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the staff has publicly advertised the tract for three consecutive weeks and the bid tabulations are as follows; and,

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Alex Dufour	\$40.60 acre
Deshea Gauthier	\$30.00 acre

**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 2024 does hereby agree to accept the highest bid of \$40.60 per acre from Mr. Alex Dufour effective July 1, 2024.

**RESOLUTION 19-2024**

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. John F. Earles, II

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for Tract A10 a 120-acre hunting lease in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, Tract A10 is not being leased as it was part of a proposed land exchange which was never effectuated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the staff advertised the tract for three consecutive weeks and received only one bid from Mr. Doug Anderson, Jr. in the amount of \$12.00 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board has advised the staff to work on securing a Right of Way for this tract of land; 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 2024 does hereby agree to accept the only bid of \$12.00 per acre from Mr. Doug Anderson, Jr. effective July 1, 2024.

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**RESOLUTION 20-2024**

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. John F. Earles, II

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered a service contract with Electric Control Systems for Pump Station/Drainage Structure preventative maintenance; and,

**WHEREAS**, currently, RRABB has a service contract with Electric Control Systems for maintenance of its pump station and electric actuated drainage structures (Bayou Rapides, Spanish Bayou, and Diversion Canal), which expires at the end of June 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed contract is a two-year contract (July 2024 thru June 2026) and includes the addition of the Bayou Rigollette Structure as it is anticipated that the project currently in process to provide electric actuators will be complete; 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 2024 does hereby agree to accept the two-year contract (July 2024 thru June 2026) with Electric Control Systems, which includes the addition of the Bayou Rigollette Structure.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: ALBL Workshop in Baton Rouge

- The annual ALBL workshop in Baton Rouge will be held on May 2-3, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Accommodations need to be made by the staff to ensure proper registration and hotel rooms are reserved.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. John F. Earles, II 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.

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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 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2024.

  
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Board Secretary