

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 7, 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, November 7, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Paul Dausat, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. John Earles, II, Vice President and Avoyelles 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul Dausat. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Paul Dausat, Mr. John Earles, II, Ms. Julie Dupuis, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. and Mr. Jess Vanderlick 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. Joshua Dara, Sr. and seconded by Ms. Julie Dupuis to adopt the minutes/resolutions of the previous month.

RESOLUTION 59-2024

Motion by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.
Seconded by Mr. John Earles, II

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District on October 1, 2024 discussed necessary revisions and amendments to the District's By-Laws previously adopted October 2, 2012 by the District's Resolution 83-2012; and,

WHEREAS, statutory changes by the Legislature to the Open Meetings law and other statutes and revisions to the District's structure and organization enacted by Act 372 of the 2023 Louisiana Legislative Session now compel revisions and changes to the previous By-Laws; and,

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WHEREAS, R.S. 38:306 compels the District to enact by-laws for its own government and for the government of its officers and employees and previous enacted by-laws should be reconsidered, repealed and new by-laws adopted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of November 2024 after due proceedings and proper notice repeals the previous By-Laws adopted by Resolution 83-2012 and in the place and stead for By-Laws henceforth declares and adopts:

1. The District shall follow all state statutes and regulations for basic policy, financial procedures and the Local Government Budget law;
2. Regular monthly meetings of the District shall be held at the domicile of the District the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.; provided, the President may call such special meetings with notice as the President believes reasonable and necessary; and,
3. The District shall operate meetings generally under Robert’s Rules of Order (Newly Revised); except as specifically adopted otherwise by resolution of the Board, or when same conflicts with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, including Act 372 of the 2023 Regular Session and any amendments thereto.
4. The District may adopt financial procedures, including investment policies, in compliance with state law and regulations and as further adopted by authority of the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District recognizes the statutes, laws and regulations of the State of Louisiana for the District’s policy and procedures for its own government and for the government of its officers and employees and otherwise continues such previous policy and procedures, except as provided herein or after further resolution of this District and in accordance with notice and procedures.

RESOLUTION 60-2024

Motion by Mr. Jess Vanderlick
Seconded by Mr. Paul Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Entergy Louisiana, LLC to replace 10 electric poles as part of their statewide resiliency program in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to replace 10 deteriorated electric poles within the required permitted vicinity of the levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of November 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 61-2024

Motion by Mr. Jess Vanderlick
Seconded by Mr. Paul Dauszat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC to excavate and repair a section of pipeline in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to excavate and repair a section of pipeline in the required permitted vicinity of the Red River South Bank levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of November 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,

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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 62-2023

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered publicly advertising and soliciting bids for Hunting Tract R5 (40-acres) in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Tract R5 (40-acre hunting tract) has been canceled with the previous lessee due to non-payment; and,

WHEREAS, the previous lessee was Terry McPherson for \$20.38/acre and was active for the 1st two years of the initial three-year term prior to cancellation; 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 7th day of November 2024 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to advertise Tract R5 in Rapides Parish for public bid.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 6: Lamourie and Rigolette Drainage Structure

- The capital construction projects anticipated for the 2024-2025 budget year for Bayou Lamourie and Bayou Rigolette Drainage Structure Rehabilitation projects have been completed.

Motion by Mr. Paul Dauzat and seconded by Mr. John Earles, II to approve payment of the bills for the previous month.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. John Earles and seconded by Mr. Paul Dauzat.

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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 7th day of November 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 7th day of November 2024.

Board Secretary