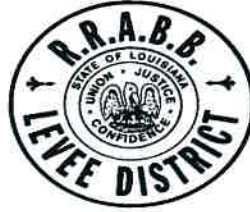


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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 3, 2024**

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, September 3, 2024 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Paul Dautat, 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. Ryan Ingles. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Paul Dautat, 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. John Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick to adopt the minutes/resolutions of the previous month.

RESOLUTION 50-2024

Motion by Mr. Paul Dautat
Seconded by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered additional outlet flow capacity at the Rigolette Drainage Structure; and,

WHEREAS, representatives from the Vicksburg District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) presented response to letter issued by RRABB for support in providing additional outlet flow capacity at the Rigolette Drainage Structure; and,

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WHEREAS, at the June 2024 RRABB Board of Commissioners meeting, the Executive Director was directed via resolution to request assistance from the USACE to provide additional outlet capacity at the Rigolette Drainage Structure; 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 3rd day of September 2024 does hereby agree to authorize the Executive Director to issue a letter of intent to coordinate with USACE in regard to a resumption of the previous authorized study concerning the Aloha - Rigolette Drainage Area.

The roll call vote was performed by Mr. Ryan Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS: Mr. John Earles, II, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Ms. Julie Dupuis, Mr. Jess Vanderlick and Mr. Paul Dauzat
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

RESOLUTION 51-2024

Motion by Ms. Julie Dupuis
Seconded by Mr. John Earles, II

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered RRABB's 2023-2024 Annual Audit; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB's 2023-2024 annual audit was recently completed and the Board was presented with the audit report; and,

WHEREAS, there were no findings on this audit; 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 3rd day of September 2024 does hereby agree to accept the audit report as presented.

RESOLUTION 52-2024

Motion by Mr. Paul Dauzat

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Seconded by Mr. John Earles, II

Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District

A resolution in favor of the constitutional amendment proposed by HB 300, introduced on February 28, 2024, by Representative Joe Orgeron and passed in both the Louisiana House and Senate by over 2/3's vote thus being passed to the Secretary of State to become Act 408 and placed before the voters of Louisiana as a proposed Constitutional Amendment at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

WHEREAS, the present constitution requires that the treasurer deposit annually into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund the federal revenues received by the State from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment retains the present constitution requirements and adds federal revenues generated from Outer Continental Shelf alternative or renewable energy production sources, including wind energy, solar energy, tidal energy, wave energy, geothermal energy, and any other alternative or renewable energy production or sources, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment would amend Article VII, Section 10.2(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana to require federal revenues received by the state and generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas and alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund, and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment does NOT:

- a) Take money from the state General Fund or away from other state projects and programs, or
- b) slow or disincentivize oil and gas production or increase the cost of doing business for any type of energy company in the Gulf of Mexico, or
- c) provide a subsidy for alternative or renewable energy in the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, passing this proposed constitutional amendment means that if and when federal revenue sharing for all types of energy production becomes a reality for the gulf coast states currently participating in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Securities Act (GOMESA) federal

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revenue sharing, that Louisiana WILL commit those dollars to our Coastal Trust Fund to protect and restore our coast and the communities that live there, and

WHEREAS, even though the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District is not directly eligible for GOMESA funding on our projects which are outside of the Louisiana Coastal Zone, we benefit as does the entire State economy from the passage of this proposed Constitutional Amendment because these new federal funding resources supplement Louisiana's other resources for providing drainage and flood protection statewide and its potential to improve the resiliency of our State's coastal areas and the resources those areas provide to the State economy, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has made and continues to make its case to the federal government and others that this arrangement makes sense because Louisiana's coast, communities, workers and protective levee infrastructure provides huge benefits to the entire State of Louisiana and the Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District Board of Commissioners hereby declares that it is in support of passage of the proposed Constitutional Amendment amending Article VII, Section 10.2(E)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana to require federal revenues received by the state and generated from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas and alternative or renewable energy production be deposited into the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund for the above stated reasons and benefits.

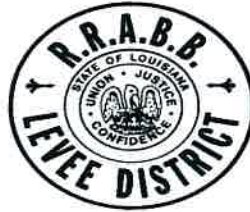
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of the Board.

I the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted following a roll call vote:

YEAS: Mr. John Earles, II, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr., Ms. Julie Dupuis, Mr. Jess Vanderlick and Mr. Paul Dauzat
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

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RESOLUTION 53-2024

Motion by Mr. John Earles, II
Seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for the purchase of (2) 150 HP 4WD Tractors; and,

WHEREAS, included in the RRABB 2024-2025 annual budget was the purchase of two new tractors; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed tractors (Approximately 150 hp – Agricultural Tractors), could not be purchased on Louisiana State Contract because the state contract is limited to items with an individual net price of less than \$100,000; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated and budgeted amount is \$150,000 per machine, therefore necessitating advertising for public bid; and,

WHEREAS, at the August 2024 board meeting, the commission authorized the advertisement of bids; and,

WHEREAS, the staff has publicly advertised the bids for three consecutive weeks and bids were opened on August 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. with the following results; and,

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Sunshine Quality Solutions	\$326,251.06
PTI, Inc. – Bunkie	\$276,402.46

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3rd day of September 2024 does hereby agree to accept the lowest bid from PTI, Inc. in the amount of \$276,402.46 for the purchase of two new tractors.

RESOLUTION 54-2024

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted six separate permit applications with specific associated work orders; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3rd day of September 2024 does hereby unanimously agree to grant permission en globo (Agenda Items 8,9,10,11,13,14) for each project (specific work orders), 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 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.

RESOLUTION 55-2024

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 a Permit Request from Acadian Gas Pipeline to replace a cathodic protection site on the BRW Opelousas Gas Pipeline along the West Atchafalaya Basin Guide Levee near US 190 in St. Landry Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to replace a cathodic protection site on an existing gas pipeline 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 3rd day of September 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Louisiana Basin Trace Conceptual Plan

- Representatives of the Acadiana Planning Commission (Lafayette) were in attendance and presented a conceptual plan of the Louisiana Basin Trace (187-mile pedestrian and bicycle trail using levees).
- RRABB has had similar requests in the past in the Rapides Parish area that were not received well by landowners of the levee property or landowners with adjacent properties to the levee. The Acadiana Planning Commission provided supporting documents.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 6: 2024 ALBL 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.

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Motion by Mr. John Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. to approve payment of the bills for the previous month.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Paul Dautzat and seconded by Mr. John Earles, II.

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 3rd day of September 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 3rd day of September 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Ingles', is written over a horizontal line.

Board Secretary