

**RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 7, 2025**

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, January 7, 2025 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Paul Dauzat, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. John Earles, II, Vice President and Avoyelles 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: Ms. Julie Dupuis, St. Landry Parish Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Paul Dauzat. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Paul Dauzat, Mr. John Earles, II, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. and Mr. Jess Vanderlick were present. Ms. Julie Dupuis 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. John F. Earles, II and seconded by Mr. Jess Vanderlick to add an item to the agenda for RRABB Liability Insurance Policies.

Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any public comments they may have regarding the addition of this agenda item. No public comments were made.

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

YEAS: Mr. John Earles, II, Mr. Paul Dauzat, Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. and
Mr. Jess Vanderlick

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

ABSENT: Ms. Julie Dupuis

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Motion by Mr. Jess Vanderlick and seconded by Mr. John Earles, II to adopt the minutes/resolutions of the previous month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1a: RRABB Liability Insurance Policies

- Mr. Wendell Luneau with Brown and Brown Insurance presented the Board with a quote for RRABB's Insurance Policies. The Executive Director will research the quote and current policies and present his findings to the Board at the February 2025 meeting.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: 2024 Tax Reform Legislation

- In the 3rd extraordinary legislative session of 2024 of the Louisiana Legislature, Act 12 was adopted which provides for an "optional" means for local governments to exempt items constituting business inventory. This Act shall only take effect if the proposed constitutional amendment in March 2025 is adopted.
- Summary:
 1. Constitutional Amendment Must be Adopted in Statewide Election to be held in March.
 2. Sheriff, School Board, and the Parish Governing Authority (Police Jury) have option to elect to exempt business inventory.
 3. If elected, the Parish can either implement immediately or over a phase-in period not to exceed 5 years.
 4. If immediately implemented, the Parish will receive a payment from the State equal to 3 times the amount of lost inventory taxes not to exceed \$15 million.
 5. If phased in, the Parish will receive a payment from the State equal to 1 times the amount of lost inventory taxes not to exceed \$10 million.
 6. If business inventory is exempted, the payment from the State shall be distributed on a pro rata basis to each taxing authority that levies an ad valorem tax within the parish.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 3: Proposed Upland Management Authority (URMA)

- Executive Order number JML 24-13 titled "Consolidation of Natural Resources and Energy Related Executive Branch Functions, Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities was issued by Governor Landry in February 2024. Part of this executive order directed the Secretary of

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the Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources to review and consider ways to better coordinate and consolidate or reorganize the functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities of State boards and commissions dealing with natural resources and energy matters.

- The current draft report includes the creation of an entity called the “Upland Resource Management Authority or URMA” which is proposed as the upland equivalent to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. URMA would establish a centralized entity for flood protection in non-coastal zones to include statewide flood control, covering dams, levees, and related infrastructure currently managed by DOTD’s Public Works division.

Motion by Mr. Joshua Dara, Sr. 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, II and seconded by Mr. Paul Dauzat.

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 January 2025, 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 January 2025.



Board Secretary