

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT

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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING May 4, 2021

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, May 4, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. Keith Lacombe, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Andrew C. Leon, St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Warren Byrd, Executive Director; and Guests. Mr. Lacombe was present via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Byrd. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Byrd; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr and Mr. Andrew C. Leon were present and Mr. Keith Lacombe was present via teleconference. 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 24-2021**

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Permian Express Partners, LLC for directional drilling under Bayou Jean De Jean in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Permian Express is requesting to relocate an existing 22" diameter steel pipeline that transports petroleum/crude oil that crosses under Bayou Jean De Jean in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, relocation is due to anomalies at a section of existing pipeline; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed new pipeline will be installed via horizontal directional drilling;  
and,

**WHEREAS**, the new pipeline will be 22" in diameter and approximately 2,589' in length;  
and,

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**WHEREAS**, relocated pipeline would be a minimum of 30' below the bottom of the levee;  
and,

**WHEREAS**, the existing pipeline will be abandoned in-place and capped; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 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 an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and 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 25-2021**

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Ricky and Vicki Michel for the installation of a water line, utility pole and sewer in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a water line over the Moncla to Lake Long Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the water line will be installed per RRABB specifications for levee utility crossings; and,

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**WHEREAS**, a utility pole will be installed approximately 53' from the toe of the levee on the flood side; and,

**WHEREAS**, a sewer tank will also be installed approximately 63' from the toe of the levee on the flood side; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 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 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 and 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 26-2021

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corp (SLEMCO) for the relocation of an overhead electric utility in Palmetto, Louisiana St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to relocate (temporary and permanent) an overhead electric service near the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in Palmetto, Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, the relocation is due to LaDOTD performing a bridge replacement project on Hwy 10 in Palmetto; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the existing overhead utility service will have to be temporarily relocated during bridge reconstruction and then permanently relocated after the bridge construction is complete; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 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 an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and 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 27-2021](#)

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Alon Refining in Krotz Springs, Louisiana St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alon Refining in Krotz Springs, Louisiana is requesting to add fill material around existing Hesco Baskets to upgrade a temporary emergency levee into a permanent levee that is more easily maintained; and,

**WHEREAS**, they are also requesting to install 2 outfall structures in Alon's levee to facilitate drainage as it leaves their site; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the proposed work is approximately 1500' from the levee toe of the West Atchafalaya River Levee near Hwy 105; and,

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**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 and 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 28-2021**

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Seventy-One Plantation Company in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Seventy-One Plantation is requesting to install an earthen levee ramp on the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in St. Landry Parish just south of Hwy 71; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ramp will be constructed on the flood side of the levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ramp will be installed per USACE specifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby

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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 an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and 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 29-2021**

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Gerald White in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. White is requesting to construct two earthen levee ramps on the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish just downstream of Lock & Dam 2; and,

**WHEREAS**, one ramp is on the protected side of the levee and the other is a down ramp located on the flood side of the levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ramps will be installed per USACE specifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 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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### RESOLUTION 30-2021

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for RRABB Tract R-10 in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB Tract R-10 in Rapides Parish is a 21-acre grazing tract located approximately 1.5 miles West of the Airbase Road Exit on Old Boyce Highway; and,

**WHEREAS**, tract R-10 was publicly advertised for three weeks and the sealed bids were opened on May 3, 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB received one bid for \$12.00 per acre from Mr. Brandon Bakies; 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 does hereby agree to accept the bid of \$12.00 per acre from Mr. Brandon Bakies for tract R-10 in Rapides Parish.

### RESOLUTION 31-2021

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered an Intergovernmental Agreement between RRABB and the LaDOTD for an H&H Study in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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**WHEREAS**, LaDOTD is funding a Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study to be performed on the Big Bend Watershed (Pomme De Tarre) in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, this study will not only analyze the current hydraulic condition of the area, but it will also help determine if the current Hamburg Flap Gate needs reconstruction and/or betterments due to changing hydraulic conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RRABB Levee District will be the administrators of this project while MMLH Engineering Firm will perform the actual H&H Study; and,

**WHEREAS**, MMLH will also provide a probable cost estimate for the construction of a new drainage structure; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 does hereby agree to enter into an IGA with LaDOTD for an H&H Study in Avoyelles Parish.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: Proposed Land Exchange in Avoyelles Parish

- Mr. Jacob Guillory was at the meeting to present the proposal to the Board for the second time and to answer any questions. Land appraisals for both tracts have been completed and a proposal was presented to the Board for review and consideration along with the land appraisals. Copies of the land appraisals were given to the Board for review. Mr. Guillory proposed swapping RRABB's 120-acre tract for their 140-acre tract.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 10: Introduction of the RRABB 2021-2022 Annual Budget

- Reviewed the proposed RRABB 2021-2022 annual budget as prepared by the Executive Director. The RRABB 2021-2022 annual budget will be placed on the June 1, 2021 RRABB meeting agenda for final adoption.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.



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Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Andrew C. Leon and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe.

### CERTIFICATE

I, Stanley Warren Byrd, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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Board Secretary