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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 7, 2023**

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, March 7, 2023 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Rapides Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Jonathan Lachney (DOTD), 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. Christopher Dauzat 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 12-2023

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.
Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered amending the 2022-2023 RRABB Annual Budget to authorize a capital project for the replacement of the Bayou Lamourie Structure gate and actuator; and,

WHEREAS, at the February 7, 2023 meeting of Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District, the board of commissioners instructed staff to present a budget amendment to allow for the replacement of the gate and operator at the Bayou Lamourie Structure due to its deteriorated condition; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB has an updated project estimate that would require a budget amendment of \$230,000.00 to be added to the Drainage Structure Rehabilitation category under capital outlay; and,

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WHEREAS, if approved, the design work for the project will be started but the actual construction will take place during the 2023-2024 fiscal year; 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 March 2023 does hereby agree to amend the RRABB 2022-2023 Annual Budget to include replacement of the Bayou Lamourie Structure gate and actuator.

REVENUES

Taxes	\$2,925,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$50,000
Fees & Self-Generated Funds	\$1,078,850
TOTAL REVENUES	\$4,053,850

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$991,300
Fringe Benefits	\$782,800
Operating Services	\$1,058,400
Travel	\$10,000
Professional Services	\$79,500
Capital Outlay	\$1,131,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,053,850

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS: Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Mr. Andrew C. Leon
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

RESOLUTION 13-2023

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat
Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Delek-Krotz Springs Refinery for the installation of a pile supported maintenance building in St. Landry Parish along the protected side of the West Atchafalaya River Levee; and,

WHEREAS, the applicants are requesting to construct a maintenance building with a timber pile supported foundation in an existing parking lot at the refinery located in Krotz Springs in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of March 2023 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 14-2023

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat
Seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Woodhaven Properties, LLC for the installation of a gate and fence along LA 451 in Avoyelles Parish near Holmes Dam; and,

WHEREAS, the applicants are requesting to construct a gate and fence to limit access to a private crossing of Bayou Des Glaises at Holmes Dam due to litter problems; and,

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WHEREAS, the proposed gate and fence are located on the protected side of the non-federal Big Bend Levee along LA 451 in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of March 2023 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: Attorney General Opinion 22-0133

To discuss the recent attorney general opinion issued to the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District relating to drainage activities.

At the November 2022 RRABB board meeting, a resolution was passed to request an opinion from the attorney general regarding the scope of duties of a levee district as it relates to drainage activities.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Rapides Parish Police Jury Resolution (Cenla Irrigation District)

To facilitate discussion concerning recent resolution passed by the Rapides Parish Police Jury relating to RRABB.

On December 12, 2022, the Rapides Parish Police Jury passed a resolution “to authorize the Parish President to send a letter to all Legislative delegates for the State of Louisiana requesting Rapides Parish be removed from Red River Atchafalaya Bayou Boeuf (RRABB) levee district and form a new levee district for Rapides Parish.”

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On February 7, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed this item and passed a resolution to form a committee comprised of Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. (Rapides Parish), Mr. Harold Taylor (St. Landry Parish), and Mr. Mark Lemoine (Avoyelles Parish) to recommend changes to RRABB board membership requirements.

At the request of Commissioner Leon, an item is added to the agenda to allow for representatives from the Cenla Irrigation District to address the board concerning this action.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 6: Annual 2023 ALBL Workshop in Baton Rouge

The annual ALBL workshop in Baton Rouge will be held on April 27-28 2023 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.

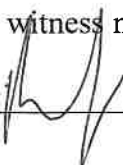
Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher 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 March 2023, 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 March 2023.



Board Secretary