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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING March 2, 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, March 2, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Byrd. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Byrd; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr, Mr. Keith Lacombe and Mr. Andrew C. Leon 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 13-2021

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 RRABB Levee District for an after the fact permit application for the installation of a barbed wire fence in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, every year, on the Aloha – Rigolette Levee USACE Annual Inspection, the RRABB Levee District received a deficiency for an unpermitted fence that was installed many years ago on Mr. Slaytor's property on the north end of the levee segment at levee station 99 +80; and,

WHEREAS, the USACE suggested on a recent annual inspection that if RRABB permitted this fence, it would no longer be included as an unpermitted activity on the levee; and,

WHEREAS, the permit is not suggesting that RRABB take ownership of the fence, it simply "permits" the activity as it should have been years ago; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of March 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 14-2021

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 RRABB Levee District for an after the fact permit application for the installation of an electric transmission line pole in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, every year, on the Aloha – Rigolette Levee USACE Annual Inspection, the RRABB Levee District received a deficiency for an unpermitted utility transmission line pole installed many years ago; and,

WHEREAS, the USACE suggested on a recent annual inspection that if RRABB permitted this pole, it would no longer be included as an unpermitted activity on the levee; and,

WHEREAS, the permit is not suggesting that RRABB take ownership of the utility pole, it simply “permits” the activity as it should have been years ago; and,

WHEREAS, the transmission pole is a double-pole, high voltage pole set located at levee station 829+00 near the Rigolette Flood Control Structure; 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 15-2021

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 RRABB Levee District for an after the fact permit application for the installation of nine utility poles in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, every year, on the Aloha – Rigolette Levee USACE Annual Inspection, the RRABB Levee District received a deficiency for nine unpermitted utility poles installed many years ago just downstream of Mr. Wilbert Saucier’s property at levee station 455+00 to 487+15; and,

WHEREAS, the USACE suggested on a recent annual inspection that if RRABB permitted these poles, it would no longer be included as an unpermitted activity on the levee; and,

WHEREAS, the permit is not suggesting that RRABB take ownership of the utility poles, it simply “permits” the activity as it should have been years ago; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of March 2021 does hereby agree to grant

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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 16-2021](#)

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 Union Pacific Railroad for the repair of a railroad bridge pier in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Union Pacific is requesting a permit to repair a damaged railroad bridge pier located in Melville, Louisiana in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the pier is located approximately 585 feet west of the Melville Ring Levee; and,

WHEREAS, they are also requesting to utilize an existing levee ramp on the Ring Levee in order to access the bridge; and,

WHEREAS, Union Pacific plans on constructing the project in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of March 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 17-2021

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered the removal of the Slocum Bridge over the Chatlin Lake Canal in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Slocum bridge is located on the Chatlin Lake Canal in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB is responsible for the O&M of the Chatlin Lake Canal that extends through Rapides Parish and terminates in Avoyelles Parish near the WABPL; and,

WHEREAS, this canal drains nearly 70% of Alexandria's storm water; and,

WHEREAS, the mentioned Slocum bridge is an old wooden bridge with pile located directly in the canal channel; and,

WHEREAS, this type of construction severely impedes the flow of storm water runoff during a rain event; and,

WHEREAS, debris will collect against the wooden piles of the bridge causing a major blockage that hinders the flow of water and causes flooding upstream; and,

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WHEREAS, this bridge is a major flow impedance and needs to be removed; and,

WHEREAS, after discussing with the Slocum family and their legal representative, permission has been granted to RRABB by the Slocum family to completely remove the bridge from the Chatlin Lake Canal; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB equipment and personnel, along with a rental long reach excavator, will be utilized to remove the bridge from the canal; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB will coordinate with the Slocum family to store or properly dispose of the spoil material; 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 2nd day of March 2021 does hereby agree to have RRABB equipment and personnel completely remove the Slocum Bridge from the Chatlin Lake Canal in Rapides Parish.

[RESOLUTION 18-2021](#)

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 certain RRABB assets as surplus property; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB currently has several pieces of equipment that are no longer needed and therefore, needs to be removed from RRABB's asset list and properly surplus; and,

WHEREAS, the following is RRABB's 2021 surplus list of machinery and equipment; and,

Item	Description	Unit No.	Cost	Reason for Surplus	Receiving Parish
1	1979 Rhino Grading Blade	381	\$1,648.00	Old	Rapides
2	1993 Miller Welding Machine	535	\$2,500.00	Needs Repair	Avoyelles

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3	Landa Pressure Washer	600	-	Needs Repair	St. Landry
4	2000 JD Riding Mower	601	\$4,474.00	Needs Repair	Rapides
5	2002 NorthStar Pressure Washer	621	\$2,407.00	Needs Repair	Rapides
6	2005 Ford F-150	629	\$18,735.00	Old	Rapides
7	2005 Cat D4 Dozer	636	\$95,579.00	Old	Rapides
8	2008 Ford F-350	652	\$23,345.00	Old	Rapides
9	2007 Manitawoc Ice Machine	660	\$2,370.00	Needs Repair	Rapides
10	2008 JD Cutter	665	\$10,317.00	Needs Repair	Rapides
11	2008 Dodge Ram 2500	668	\$18,370.00	Old	Avoyelles
12	2009 GMC 1500	677	\$35,217.00	Old	Avoyelles
13	2009 GMC 1500	678	\$25,984.00	Old	Rapides
14	Old PTO Winch	-	-	Old, Needs Repair	Rapides

WHEREAS, RRABB currently has an auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auctions in order to properly dispose of RRABB machinery and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, the next equipment auction held by Bonnette will be on March 6, 2021; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of March 2021 does hereby agree to surplus the machinery and equipment as shown on the RRABB 2021 Surplus List.

[RESOLUTION 19-2021](#)

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered the RRABB Office closure of February 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th due to the winter ice storm; and,

WHEREAS, on the days listed above, the Executive Director decided to close the RRABB Office due to the local impacts of the February 2021 ice storm; and,

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WHEREAS, the Office of the Commissioner State of Louisiana Division of Administration also closed state office on these days; and,

WHEREAS, Parish schools were closed, sections of I-49 were closed, LaDOTD had office closures, etc.; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of March 2021 does hereby agree to grant permission to recognize February 15th, 17th, 18th and 19th as adverse weather days and employees be paid as normal.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: Proposed Pomme De Terre/Big Bend H&H Study

- The LaDOTD has available funds to perform a Hydrologic and Hydraulic study within the Big Bend area of Avoyelles Parish. The Pomme De Terre WMA is located inside the Big Bend Levee. There is currently one drainage outlet located around the Hamburg area that is under RRABB's jurisdiction. The proposed study will help determine a more adequate drainage scenario at the current Hamburg flap gate structure. MMLH will perform the H&H study. RRABB will be the administrators and applicant for the study/project. We will enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with LaDOTD in order for them to transfer the funds to RRABB. I am currently waiting on LaDOTD to create the IGA and send it to me for review. Cost estimate for the H&H study is approximately \$75,000.

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

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 2nd day of March 2021, at which meeting a quorum of members of said Board was represented.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my official signature of said Board at Alexandria, Louisiana, on the 2nd day of March 2021.

Board Secretary