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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
July 6, 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 Thursday, July 6, 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; 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 28-2023**

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 RRABB's land and timber contract with Baker Land & Timber; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB currently has a Land and Timber Management contract with Baker Land & Timber that expires in July 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed contract is for a three-year term with no changes to the hourly rates from the previous contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, representatives from Baker Land & Timber attended the meeting for discussion and update; and,

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**WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 does hereby agree to accept the three-year contract renewal from Baker Land & Timber for land and timber management.

**RESOLUTION 29-2023**

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 a Permit Request from Mr. Brent Brevelle for the installation of a water well and associated power service in Avoyelles Parish along the Brouillette Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a 2” water well (with 4” casing) at 50’ depth approximately 170’ from the toe of the levee and associated power pole on the flood side in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 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.

**RESOLUTION 30-2023**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Central Louisiana Regional Port to construct two hardstand areas along with foundations associated with a fabric structure near the Red River South Bank Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to construct hardstand (aggregate laydown) areas on both sides of the levee at the Central Louisiana Regional Port Facility; and,

**WHEREAS**, additional work includes installation of spiral anchor foundations and fabric warehouse structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 31-2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Luke Tyler Logging to haul harvested timber along approximately 1.5 miles of the southernmost stretch of the Aloha to Rigollette Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting permission to haul timber along the levee that is being cut for wildlife enhancement on private property; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the applicant has been advised that a \$10,000.00 bond will be required to ensure any damage to the levee surfacing can be repaired; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 32-2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Temporary Servitude and Right of Entry Agreement with Mr. William David Harvey to provide access required for the Bayou Lamourie Drainage Structure Rehabilitation Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB’s 2023-2024 budget has authorized a project that allows for the replacement of the gate and operator at the Bayou Lamourie Structure due to its deteriorated condition; and,

**WHEREAS**, access for construction activities is required along the West side of Bayou Lamourie in order to facilitate this project; and,

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**WHEREAS**, after preliminary discussions with the landowner, the agreement provides for the access required with terms of \$3,500.00 one-time payment for an 18-month duration; 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 does hereby agree to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Temporary Servitude Agreement and Right of Entry for the Bayou Lamourie Drainage Structure Project with Mr. Williams David Harvey, with terms of \$3,500.00 one-time payment for an 18-month duration.

**RESOLUTION 33-2023**

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 the proposal received for levee pipe inspections in Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is required by the USACE to conduct camera inspections for all levee penetrations on a 5-year interval; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB currently has two sites that require inspections; the Simmesport Ring Levee Drainage Structure and the Krotz Springs Ring Levee Drainage Structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, Air Data Solutions has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$10,610.00 to provide these inspections; and,

**WHEREAS**, the initial proposal allows for 2 days, additional day rate of \$250.00/day if required; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB will be responsible for providing the dewatering of these structures; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that this work will be completed in August 2023; and,

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 does hereby agree to accept the proposal from Air Data Solutions, LLC of \$10,160.00, which allows for 2 days, with an additional day rate of \$250.00/per day.

**RESOLUTION 34-2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered authorizing the advertisement of bids for the purchase of two tractors that were included in the 2023-2024 budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, included in RRABB's 2023-2024 annual budget was the purchase of two new tractors; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed tractors (approximately 150hp – agricultural tractors), cannot be purchased on Louisiana State Contract because the state contract is limited to items with an individual net price of less than \$100,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated and budgeted amount is \$137,500.00 per machine, therefore necessitating advertising for public bid; 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 does hereby agree to authorize the bid advertisement for the purchase of two new tractors.

**RESOLUTION 35-2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered warranty options for the new excavator recently received; and,

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**WHEREAS**, included in RRABB’s 2023-2024 annual budget was the purchase of one new excavator, which was received on June 26, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, long term warranty options that are available to be purchased are as follows; and,

<u>Terms</u>	<u>Amount</u>
36 month/2,000 hours Premier Coverage, NO TT&M	\$3,165.00
36 month/2,000 hours Premier Coverage, Includes TT&M	\$4,973.00
60 month/3,500 hours Premier Coverage, NO TT&M	\$4,290.00
60 month/3,500 hours Premier Coverage, Includes TT&M	\$7,270.00

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 does hereby agree to a 60 month/3,500 hours Premier Coverage, no travel time and mileage on warrantable repairs for \$4,290.00.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 9: Cutoff Properties Land Exchange

- At the September 2021 meeting of RRABB, a proposed land exchange between RRABB and Cutoff Properties was agreed to pending legislative approval. Act 153 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized this exchange.


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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
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Board Secretary