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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING February 1, 2022

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, February 1, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dauzat, 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. Christopher Dauzat 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 5-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Terracon Consultants to perform soil borings near the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Terracon Consultants is requesting to perform a total of six (6) soil borings within 1500' of the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, three soil borings will be 100' deep and the other three will be 30' deep; and,

WHEREAS, these borings are related to a future drainage project with the City of Alexandria; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 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 6-2022

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 Terracon Consultants to perform soil borings near the Pineville Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Terracon Consultants is requesting to perform a total of five (5) soil borings within 1500' of the Pineville Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, two soil borings will be 80' deep and the other three will be 24' deep; and,

WHEREAS, these borings are related to a future drainage project with the City of Pineville; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 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 7-2022

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 Patricia Starkey for the installation of a water line over the Southbank Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia Starkey is requesting to install a 1” PVC water line up and over the Southbank Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the water line will service a home that is located on the flood side of the protection levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 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.

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RESOLUTION 8-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Bill Belt for the excavation of a borrow pit near the Moncla to Lake Long Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Belt is requesting a permit to excavate an existing borrow pit located near the Moncla to Lake Long Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Belt has already begun excavation activities but RRABB has halted those activities until the project is reviewed and approved; and,

WHEREAS, the excavation being performed is near the toe of the protection levee so care must be taken in order to not compromise the levee system; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Belt wants to deepen and widen the existing borrow pit on his property; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Belt must comply with the provisions regarding the borrow pits geometrics, distance from the toe of the protection levee and its depth; and,

WHEREAS, the excavation activities must be at least 50 feet from the toe of the protection levee in order to not compromise the levee. The applicant must comply with all the provisions given in the LaDOTD Letter of No Objection; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 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,

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RESOLUTION 9-2022

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 Tri V Property Group, LLC for the installation of stormwater discharges into the bayou; and,

WHEREAS, Tri V Property Group is constructing a 39-lot subdivision on Bayou Rapides Road in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, their new subdivision is proposing to drain its stormwater runoff into Bayou Rapides via two drainage structures; and,

WHEREAS, they have submitted plan drawings that show a protected end treatment where the stormwater discharges into the bayou; and,

WHEREAS, both discharge ends must include a flap gate or a similar device that will keep the water in Bayou Rapides from backing up into the subdivision during a high-water event; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant must comply with all the provisions given in the LaDOTD Letter of No Objection; and,

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RESOLUTION 10-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered a computer cyber policy for the RRABB Levee District; and,

WHEREAS, currently, the RRABB Levee District does not have an insurance policy that protects the Board from cybercrimes; and,

WHEREAS, a quote has been provided from RRABB's insurance agent that gives specifics on a cyber policy provided by Coalition Insurance Solutions; and,

WHEREAS, the yearly premium for this cyber policy is \$2,784.00; 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 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to purchase a cyber policy from Coalition Insurance Solutions with a yearly premium of \$2,784.00.

RESOLUTION 11-2022

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 and considered the possible acquisition of general liability insurance for RRABB's land tracts; and,

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WHEREAS, currently, RRABB does not have or maintain general liability insurance that covers all of RRABB's land tracts that we lease out for recreational, agricultural and grazing tracts; and,

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial for the Board to discuss the possibility of obtaining such insurance to cover RRABB in case of a tenant claim; and,

WHEREAS, Turrentine Insurance has quoted a yearly premium in the amount of \$8,853.53 for commercial general liability coverage; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB would still continue to require each tenant to supply RRABB with a Certificate of General Liability Insurance with RRABB named as an additional insured; 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 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to purchase commercial general liability insurance form Turrentine Insurance with a yearly premium of \$8,853.53.

RESOLUTION 12-2022

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 and considered extending the current mowing contract with Burns Management group, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB's current mowing contract with Burns Maintenance Group expired at the end of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the primary contract allows RRABB to extend the contract with the current terms for an additional 12 months beginning in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, under this contract, the contractor mows the entire West Atchafalaya Protection Levee, the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee, as well as the three ring levees; 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 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to extend the current mowing contract for an additional twelve (12) months with Burns Maintenance Group, LLC.

RESOLUTION 13-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered RRABB renewing an existing Professional Services Agreement with Ms. Ashley Lee to provide certain accounting services for the Levee District; and,

WHEREAS, Ashley has served as RRABB's outside accountant for the year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, she continues to assist RRABB with its accounting services and bookkeeping in a professional manner; and,

WHEREAS, Ashley comes to the Alexandria Office at least once a month to help reconcile RRABB's bank statements, to reconcile QuickBooks entries, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, she also helps with RRABB's annual audit; and,

WHEREAS, the hourly rate for Ashley's services is \$75.00; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to accept the twelve (12) month renewal contract from Ms. Ashley Lee for accounting services.

RESOLUTION 14-2022

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 and considered a herbicide spraying proposal for the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee in St. Landry and Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, at the end of 2021, the RRABB Levee District considered a johnson grass abatement program by spraying certain levees in St. Landry and Avoyelles Parish with an approved herbicide to target and kill the unwanted johnson grass that is invading our levees; and,

WHEREAS, the Board selected NaturChem to contract with for the herbicide spraying and executed a proposal for the year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, due to the timing of the agreement execution, the cold weather prevented RRABB from spraying the levees in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, a new proposal for the year 2022 is now presented for the Board's consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the same terms will apply to the 2022 proposal as stated on the year 2021 proposal; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to accept the 2022 proposal from NaturChem for the herbicide spraying of johnson grass in St. Landry and Avoyelles Parish.

[RESOLUTION 15-2022](#)

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 and considered a proposal from UAI for an impeller inspection at the Bayou Rapides Pump Station; and,

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WHEREAS, the proposal from UAI (Underwater Acoustics International) is to perform an underwater impeller inspection at the Bayou Rapides Pump Station in Alexandria; and,

WHEREAS, the pump station is over 20 years old and the two impellers have not been inspected since their installation; and,

WHEREAS, the structure cannot be de-watered for inspection, so this process must be performed by ROV/Sonar equipment; and,

WHEREAS, considering the critical nature of the flood protection feature, these impellers should be inspected in order to provide RRABB with their current condition and to see if any repairs are needed; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to accept the proposal from UAI for the underwater impeller inspection at the Bayou Rapides Pump Station in Alexandria.

RESOLUTION 16-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon
Seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered RRABB cleaning out a canal/ditch in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, a request by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury has been submitted to clean out portions of a canal/ditch located in the Brouillette community of Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the RRABB Drainage Policy adopted in 2017 states that such activity shall come before the Board for discussion and consideration; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February

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2022 does hereby agree to assist the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury with the cleaning of a section of Johnson Bayou located in the Brouillette community of Avoyelles Parish.

RESOLUTION 17-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered RRABB moving the March Board meeting date; and,

WHEREAS, due to the Mardi Gras Holiday on March 1, 2022, the regularly scheduled March meeting date of March 1, 2022 needs to be rescheduled; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of February 2022 does hereby agree to move the March 1, 2022 Board meeting to March 8, 2022 due to the Mardi Gras Holiday.

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

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Andrew C. Leon and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat.

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 1st day of February 2022, 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 1st day of February 2022.

Board Secretary