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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
April 4, 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, April 4, 2023 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dausat, 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 Dausat 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 15-2023**

On Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dausat

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District:

	<u>2023 Millage Levy</u>
Maintenance of the Flood Control System	3.710
Acreage	20 cents per acre
Railroad	\$100

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Avoyelles, Rapides and St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a

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permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

**RESOLUTION 16-2023**

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 City of Alexandria for the installation of power poles along the Bayou Rapides Levee in Alexandria; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install three power poles along the Bayou Rapides Levee near the intersection of Calvert Drive where poles existed several years previously; and,

**WHEREAS**, in effort to provide a more reliable power supply along Highway 28 West, the City of Alexandria is upgrading a circuit along Bayou Rapides and Calvert Drive; 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 April 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

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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 17-2023**

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 Avoyelles Parish Police Jury for a bridge replacement adjacent to the Big Bend Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to perform required soil borings and construction of a pile supported concrete slab span bridge across Bayou Des Glaises along Monroe Fabre Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, this bridge is located on the unprotected side of the Big Bend Levee west of Bordelonville; 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 April 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 18-2023**

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 and considered certain RRABB assets as surplus property; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, RRABB currently has the recently replaced shop doors taken off of the Rapides Parish shop maintenance building as surplus; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023 does hereby agree to surplus the doors taken off the Rapides Parish shop maintenance building.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Permit Request for City of Alexandria

To consider a permit request to install a project that includes the construction of a paved channel from the existing Chatlin Lake Canal to LA Highway 1; the crossing of LA Highway 1 with box culverts; another section of paved channel to the proposed levee penetration; then penetration of the levee with four 10-foot-wide by 6-foot-high outfall culverts with sluice gates to the Red River. The permit request review by both USACE and LA DOTD will require extensive coordination with the applicant.

Additional stipulations for long term operation and maintenance will need to be discussed to be included in this permit.

The Board has agreed to defer any action on this item until further review and approval by LA DOTD and USACE.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 5: Discussion and Consideration of ALBL Resolution

To present a resolution requested by the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) requesting RRABB join the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to challenge Risk Rating 2.0.

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At the March 3, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting of the ALBL, a motion to have the ALBL join the Louisiana Attorney General's office in the Risk Rating 2.0 lawsuit against FEMA was unanimously passed. Subsequently, the ALBL has asked all levee districts to consider a resolution to join the lawsuit.

Risk Rating 2.0 is an effort by FEMA to update the National Flood Insurance Program's risk rating methodology through the implementation of a new pricing methodology. According to FEMA, the new methodology leverages industry best practices and cutting-edge technology to enable FEMA to deliver rates that are actuarially sound, equitable, easier to understand and better reflect a property's flood risk.

The Board has agreed not to take any action on FEMA Risk Rating 2.0 at this time.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

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

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

  
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Board Secretary