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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING October 3, 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, October 3, 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; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator; Jarmarquis Torrence (DOTD) and Guests. Absent: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Rapides Parish Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Leon. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Andrew C. Leon and Mr. Christopher Dausat were present. Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. was absent. 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 55-2023

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered publicly advertising and soliciting bids for Hunting Tract A13 (40-acres) in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, currently, Tract A13 is not being leased as it was part of a recent land exchange and subsequently reforested with seedling pines at the end of 2022; 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 3rd day of October 2023 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to advertise Tract A13 in Avoyelles Parish for public bid.

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RESOLUTION 56-2023

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 and considered publicly advertising and soliciting bids for Grazing Tract A9 (198-acres) in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the current lessee for Tract A9 (198-acre agricultural tract) has notified the levee district that he does not intend to renew the lease following the current expiration on December 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the current lessee is Nicholas Gerace at a rate of \$69.35 per acre and was active the initial three year term as well as one additional renewal year allowed by the original agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the current lessee has indicated that he does intend to bid on the tract again; 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 3rd day of October 2023 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to readvertise Tract A9 in Avoyelles Parish for public bid.

RESOLUTION 57-2023

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 Robbie Devillier for the installation of a levee ramp on the West of Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee (Guideline Levee) just South of US 190 near Krotz Springs; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to install a levee ramp for property access only on the west side of the levee; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3rd day of October 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 58-2023

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 Central Louisiana Regional Port to place fill material and construct a gravel surfaced hardstand area on the river side of the Red River South Bank Levee on the port complex in Alexandria; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to install 2'-4' of select fill material on approximately 5-acres of property that has previously been permitted to be cleared in order to construct a gravel hard stand area; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3rd day of October 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,

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RESOLUTION 59-2023

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dausat
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 LA DOTD to install new traffic signals and associated power supply on the protected side of the Red River South Bank Levee at two locations in Alexandria; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to replace existing traffic signals with new poles, mast arms and foundations along with underground power supply; and,

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: 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. Representatives of Cutoff Properties, LLC attended the meeting and gave an update on this land exchange.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Updated Red River Flood Profile

- Subsequent to the 2015/2016 floods that occurred along the Red River, the USACE has performed an updated river hydraulic model to be used to provide updated flood profiles along the Red River. Representatives from the USACE attended the meeting to present results and discuss impacts to the RRABB Levee District.
- Representatives from USACE – Vicksburg District also advised that the levee accreditation for the Aloha – Rigollette Levee Segment and the Pineville Levee Segment was expected to be completed by the end of November 2023.

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. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon.

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 3rd day of October 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 3rd day of October 2023.



Board Secretary