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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING September 7, 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, September 7, 2021 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 43-2021

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 Mr. Joshua Dupont for the construction of a crawfish pond near the WABPL in Avoyelles Parish, just north of Armand Road; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Dupont is requesting to construct a crawfish pond approximately 35' from the toe of the WABPL in Avoyelles Parish at the coordinate 30.9018N -91.9320W; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed pond will hold approximately 18" of water and covers approximately 18-acres; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of September 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

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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 44-2021

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 Delta Ridge Ranch for the construction of two levee ramps on the Moncla to Lake Long Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Delta Ridge Ranch is requesting to construct an earthen levee ramp on both the protected and flood sides of the Moncla to Lake Long Levee Segment in Avoyelles Parish near Hwy 452 at the coordinates 31.2377N -91.9519W; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed project site is located approximately 2,700' east of the intersection of Lock and Dam Road in the Brouillette community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of September 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 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

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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 45-2021

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 Ironman Logging in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Ironman Logging is requesting to utilize the levee crown on the Aloha to Rigolette Levee Segment for the hauling of timber; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting to utilize approximately 1.9 miles of levee crown with the beginning and ending coordinates as shown on the permit application; and,

WHEREAS, maximum loads will be approximately 28 tons; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of September 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 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 and the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

RESOLUTION 46-2021

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 a Permit Request from the City of Alexandria for a proposed water well location in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is requesting the installation of a 343' deep water well that is approximately 1,188' from the toe of the Southbank Levee Segment in Rapides Parish near Hwy 1 at the coordinates 31.2683N -92.4000W; and,

WHEREAS, they are also requesting to drill a 1,550' deep test hole at the same location; and,

WHEREAS, the test hole will be plugged immediately below the bottom of the new groundwater well depth utilizing a concrete slurry allowed to settle for a period not less than 36 hours; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of September 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 47-2021

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Alon Refining in St. Landry Parish for the installation of a parking lot at their facility; and,

WHEREAS, Alon Refining is requesting to construct a parking lot at their facility in Krotz Springs; and,

WHEREAS, the area will be cleared, proof-rolled and 6" of compacted structural fill will be placed to bring the parking lot to the desired grade; and,

WHEREAS, the lot will be surfaced with 6" of crushed limestone with geo-fabric installed; and,

WHEREAS, culverts will be installed under driveways to maintain positive drainage; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of September 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 48-2021

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 a Permit Request from Mr. Alfred Slaughter in Rapides Parish for the installation of an oxidation pond; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Slaughter is requesting an after-the-fact permit for an oxidation pond installed approximately 90' from the toe of the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish in the Poland Community at the coordinates 31.1537N -92.2739W; and,

WHEREAS, the oxidation pond is approximately 6' deep and 30' in diameter; and,

WHEREAS, the oxidation pond was constructed a number of years ago; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 7th day of September 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 49-2021

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered a proposed land exchange in Avoyelles Parish between the RRABB Levee District and Cutoff Properties, LLC; and,

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WHEREAS, the RRABB Levee Board having reviewed and discussed the benefits and the economic advantage to the Levee Board to exchange with Cutoff Properties the 120-acre RRABB tract located in Section 12, T1S – R6E of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana to be surveyed at the expense of Cutoff Properties for a 140-acre Cutoff Properties tract with all predial servitudes to be surveyed at the expense of Cutoff Properties, south of Beauregard Road in Simmesport, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Levee Board having been provided with an appraisal by Michael Bordelon, a Louisiana State Certified General Real Estate Appraiser with Certificate Number G0301, in which Bordelon opined that the fair market value of the Cutoff Properties Tract is higher than the fair market value of the Levee District Tract, the Levee District Tract not having legal access to a public road, the Cutoff Properties Tract having legal access by predial servitude to a public road; and,

WHEREAS, the Levee Board believing and being of the opinion that the exchange of the Levee District Tract for the Cutoff Properties Tract on the terms, conditions and provisions proposed has economic value and benefit to the Levee District and the Cutoff Properties Tract will be more beneficial to the Levee District; 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 7th day of September 2021 does request the Louisiana State Legislature to enact, at the next session of the Louisiana State Legislature, an Act authorizing, empowering and directing the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District to enter into and execute an Act of Exchange with Cutoff Properties, LLC in which the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District shall transfer, convey and deliver to Cutoff Properties, LLC the Levee District Tract, reserving (a) all the oil, gas and like minerals, in exchange for the transfer, conveyance and delivery by Cutoff Properties, LLC the Cutoff Properties Tract with all predial servitudes and right of ways, reserving (a) all the oil, gas and like minerals.

RESOLUTION 50-2021

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.
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 request letter from the Bayou Natchitoches Drainage Improvement Organization for the cleaning out of Bayou Natchitoches in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, Mr. Steve Landry with the Bayou Natchitoches Drainage Improvement Organization sent a request letter to RRABB to formally request the assistance of the Levee Board with the cleaning out of Bayou Natchitoches; and,

WHEREAS, after discussion with the Board, RRABB would utilize its own equipment and operator(s) to clean out the Bayou and RRABB would be reimbursed by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury an amount to not exceed \$10,000; and,

WHEREAS, reimbursement would be for RRABB's fuel usage, equipment and operator usage; 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 7th day of September 2021 does hereby agree to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury and Bayou Natchitoches Drainage Improvement Organization to assist with the cleaning out of Bayou Natchitoches in Avoyelles Parish. RRABB will supply the equipment and an operator for this project.

RESOLUTION 51-2021

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 2021 RRABB Vehicle Policy; and,

WHEREAS, currently, RRABB does not have a vehicle policy that outlines specific details in governing the usage of RRABB owned vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, this new RRABB vehicle policy will go into effect on September 13, 2021 and will be made a part of the RRABB Policies and Procedures; 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 7th day of September 2021 does hereby agree to adopt the 2021 RRABB Vehicle Policy.

RESOLUTION 52-2021

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 bids for RRABB's 58-acre Big Creek Tract located in Rapides Parish off Hwy 115; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB has publicly advertised its Big Creek Tract located off Hwy 115 in Deville, Louisiana for three consecutive weeks; and,

WHEREAS, the public bid opening was scheduled for September 1, 2021 at 9:00 am; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB received one bid for \$17.50 per acre from Leslie Fish; 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 7th day of September 2021 does hereby agree to accept the bid of \$17.50 per acre from Leslie Fish for the 58-acre Big Creek Tract located in Rapides Parish.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: Award Presentation by the USACE

- The USACE Vicksburg District was in attendance to present the RRABB Levee District with an award for their efforts in flood protection.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 12: Discussion and Consideration of Timber Harvesting Bids

- RRABB publicly advertised a "first thinnings" contract on 3 land tracts in Rapides Parish.

The tracts are as follows:

- R-1: 120 acres. Estimated 71 acres to be thinned
- R-6: 40 acres. Estimated 38 acres to be thinned

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- R-16: 160 acres. Estimated 65 acres to be thinned
- Bid openings for the timber harvesting contracts was scheduled for September 7, 2021 at 9:00 am.
- There were no bids received for any of the above tracts. RRABB will delay this activity for 6-8 months and decide if the market is more favorable at that time.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 13: Discussion of RRABB's 2020-2021 Annual Audit

- RRABB's 2020-2021 annual audit was recently completed and the audit report was given to the Commissioners for their review. There were no findings on this audit.

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. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

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 7th day of September 2021, 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 7th day of September 2021.

Board Secretary