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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING August 4, 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 Wednesday, August 4, 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 39-2021

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.
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 C&R Farms Partnership for the installation of a water well in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, C&R Farms is requesting to install a proposed 16" cased water well, 140' deep near the Fort Derussy area in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed well will be installed over 250' from the toe of the Moncla to Lake Long Levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4th day of August 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

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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 40-2021

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 the City of Alexandria for the removal of the existing North 16th Bridge in Alexandria as well as the installation of a new bridge at the same location; and,

WHEREAS, the COA is requesting a permit for a project that will allow them to remove the existing bridge and construct a new bridge closely matching width and length of the existing North 16th Bridge in Alexandria, which includes concrete piles; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 4th day of August 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.

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RESOLUTION 41-2021

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered a proposed land exchange with Mr. Wade Bordelon in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Bordelon in Avoyelles Parish is proposing a land exchange with RRABB; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bordelon is requesting to exchange 2.30 acres of his property for 0.57 acres of RRABB's property; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed exchange is located on a larger 166-acre RRABB grazing tract near Horseshoe Lake Road in Bordelonville; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed exchange is shown on a certified survey produced by Jarred Couvillion, P.L.S. dated June 6, 2018; 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 4th day of August 2021 does hereby agree to the proposed land exchange with Mr. Wade Bordelon pending legislative approval.

RESOLUTION 42-2021

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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Waterway Commission for the use of earthen material located on RRWC property in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, the RRABB Levee District would like to enter into an agreement with the RRWC for the use of earthen material located on the RRWC property near the Vick Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the earthen material will be used to raise levees and perform levee setbacks in the Vick community along Non-Federal levees; 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 4th day of August 2021 does hereby agree to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Waterway Commission for the use of earthen material located on RRWC property in Avoyelles Parish.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 3: Presentation Concerning Herbicide Spraying on RRABB Levees

- NaturChem is a company that has the capabilities to spray herbicide on our levees that could specifically target the growth of johnson grass, which is an evasive species of grass that can overtake the vegetation on our levees. They are here today to present to the Board of Commissioners their services and how they can help control the growth of johnson grass within our jurisdictional territory. By controlling the johnson grass, RRABB could minimize its efforts in regards to grass cutting operations, including a reduction in the number of cutting cycles per year.
- Two representatives came to the meeting to discuss the services that they can provide to the Levee Board. The Executive Director will coordinate further meetings with NaturChem to assess the levees within RRABB's territory in order to create a proposal and cost estimate that will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 4: Presentation from Ken Lapham with Authentic Reductions, LLC

- Authentic Reductions, LLC submits the attached Letter of Intent to Lease a drill site location, pipeline and powerline easement, and pore space under RRABB's 40-acre tract in Rapides Parish. Their goal is to bring in CO2 captured from area emitters via pipeline

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and inject it into the subsurface pore space under RRABB's tract using a Class VI injection well. Mr. Lapham presented to the Board the specifics regarding this proposal.

- The Board will further discuss this matter as more information is presented to the Executive Director by Mr. Lapham.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: Presentation on Grass Cutting on RRABB Levees

- To present to the Board RRABB's current grass cutting operations as well as past operations.
- The Executive Director presented a report to the Board concerning past, current and future grass cutting operations. The report included costs, employee structure and current savings from recent operational changes.

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

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to add to the agenda the election of Officers.

The roll call was performed by Mr. Warren Byrd for this agenda item; 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 this agenda item. No public comments were made.

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

Motion made by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to elect Mr. Christopher Dauzat Vice President.

Motion made by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to elect Mr. Warren Byrd Board Secretary.

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

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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 4th day of August 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 4th day of August 2021.

Board Secretary