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# OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING January 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, January 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 Dauzat, 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 Dauzat 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 01-2023**

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 and considered bids for RRABB Tract 1 a 0.67-acre Camp Site in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the current lease agreement for Tract 1 expired on December 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the current lessee is Mr. Brandon Laprairie at a rate of \$600.00 per year; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Laprairie has advised that he does not intend to renew the current lease upon expiration; and,

WHEREAS, the staff has publicly advertised Tract 1 for three consecutive weeks and the bid opening was January 3, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.; and,

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WHEREAS, RRABB received one bid for the 0.67-acre Camp Site in Avoyelles Parish from Ms. Anita Mayeaux for \$600.00 per year; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023 does hereby agree to accept the highest bid of \$600.00 per year from Ms. Anita Mayeaux for RRABB Tract 1 in Avoyelles Parish.

#### **RESOLUTION 02-2023**

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 Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC for the installation of a 30" diameter natural gas pipeline utilizing the up and over method for crossing the Southbank Levee Segment in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Gas Pipeline is requesting to replace two 24" diameter pipelines with a 30" diameter natural gas pipeline up and over the Southbank Levee Segment approximately 4 miles upstream of Lock and Dam 2 in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the project will utilize directional drilling under the river after crossing the levee and will remove portions of the existing 24" diameter pipelines in the vicinity of the levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 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

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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 03-2023**

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 Central Louisiana Technical Community College (CLTCC) by Phillips Signs for the installation of a sign with pole foundation near the Southbank Levee Segment in Alexandria, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, Phillips Signs on behalf of CLTCC is requesting to install a sign with pole foundation near the Southbank Levee Segment just upstream of the US 167 (Pineville Expressway) bridge in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 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 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 04-2023**

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 authority to advertise to hire (2) Mobile Equipment Operators; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB has two employees retiring, Levee Patrol Operator (Retirement – 12/30/2022) and Mobile Equipment Operator 2 (Retirement – 1/13/2023); and,

**WHEREAS,** in order to continue with current planned operations, it is proposed to replace both of these positions with mobile equipment operators; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB will advertise these positions with Louisiana State Civil Service as classified positions; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023 does hereby agree to authorize to advertise and hire two Mobile Equipment Operators through Louisiana State Civil Service.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 5: Bayou Amie H&H Study Update

Mr. Paul Trimble with MMLH gave an update on the Bayou Amie H&H Study. RRABB entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DOTD to hire a consultant to perform a Hydrologic and Hydraulic study to recommend options for facilitating drainage near the Bayou Courtableau Structure into Bayou Amie. The initial phase has been completed and topographic survey work is in process. The report should be complete by September 2023.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to add an item to the agenda to adopt meeting dates for the RRABB Levee District for the 2023 calendar year.

Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any public comments they may have regarding the addition of this agenda item. No public comments were made.

The roll call vote was performed by Mr. Ryan Ingles for this agenda item;

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YEAS: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr, Mr. Christopher Dauzat and Mr. Andrew C. Leon

NAYS:

#### **RESOLUTION 05-2023**

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 the meeting dates for the 2023 calendar year,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023 does hereby agree to adopt the following meeting dates for the RRABB Levee District for the 2023 calendar year at its regular meeting place, 10 Calvert Drive, Alexandria at 9:00 a.m.

January 3, 2023	July 6, 2023
February 7, 2023	August 8, 2023
March 7, 2023	September 5, 2023
April 4, 2023	October 3, 2023
May 2, 2023	November 7, 2023
June 6, 2023	December 5, 2023

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

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

**Board Secretary**