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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 5, 2022**

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, July 5, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Andrew C. Leon, St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Ryan Ingles, Executive Director; Trey Gist, Board Attorney; Ellen Burke, Administrative Coordinator and Guests. Absent: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., President and Rapides Parish Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ingles. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Christopher Dauzat and Mr. Andrew C. Leon were present and a quorum was 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 44-2022

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 an auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auction Company in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, in July of 2019, RRABB entered into a 2-year auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auction Company for the disposal of surplus RRABB vehicles and equipment; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB renewed the contract in July of 2021 for 12 months and the contract renewal will expire on July 25, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the new contract will be for a 3-year term; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5th day of July 2022

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does hereby agree to enter into a three (3) year auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auction Company for the disposal of surplus RRABB vehicles and equipment.

RESOLUTION 45-2022

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 amending the 2022-2023 RRABB Annual Budget for personnel and capital outlay; and,

WHEREAS, at the June 7, 2022 meeting, the Commission adopted the 2022-2023 budget; and,

WHEREAS, the requested budget amendment consists of two parts as follows;

- Currently, RRABB has budgeted for a part time office assistant who has indicated that she will be resigning her position effective September 16, 2022. The proposed budget amendment if approved by the Commission would be to replace this position with a full time Administrative Coordinator position within the civil service system. The agency cost to move this direction would be a net increase in expenditures of \$37,800 for the 10-month term remaining in the 2022-2023 budget year and an increase in expenditures of approximately \$45,000 for future full year budget years. The costs used in this projection are payroll and all fringe benefits including retirement, insurance, and payroll taxes. The benefits for moving from a part time position to full time include expanded duties from the existing role along with redundant protection for key administrative tasks (i.e. payroll, human resources, permitting, accounting).
- Included in the 2021-2022 budget was the expenditure to purchase a passenger vehicle. The vehicle was ordered in November 2021 and due to delivery constraints will not be delivered until July 2022 (into the new fiscal year).

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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 5th day of July 2022 does hereby agree to amend the 2022-2023 RRABB Annual Budget and to advertise for a full-time office position.

REVENUES

Taxes	\$2,925,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$50,000
Fees & Self-Generated Funds	\$798,850
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,773,850

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$991,300
Fringe Benefits	\$782,800
Operating Services	\$1,008,400
Travel	\$10,000
Professional Services	\$79,500
Capital Outlay	\$901,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,773,850

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 and Mr. Andrew C. Leon
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE
ABSENT: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

RESOLUTION 46-2022

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 and considered the purchase of a new excavator to replace an existing machine in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, included in the RRABB 2022-2023 annual budget was the purchase of a new excavator; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed excavator, Volvo EC140EL, can be purchased on Louisiana State Contract along with the additions including a 36" digging bucket and a mechanical thumb installed; and,

WHEREAS, total quoted price as presented is \$137,291.45

WHEREAS, this new excavator will replace Unit #630 in St. Landry Parish and primarily used in conjunction with the mulching head; 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 5th day of July 2022 does hereby agree to the purchase of a new excavator, under State Contract, for St. Landry Parish.

RESOLUTION 47-2022

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 and considered declaring certain RRABB assets as surplus property; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB currently has a 2005 John Deere excavator listed as unit number 630 that will be replaced and therefore, needs to be removed from RRABB's asset list and properly surplus; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB currently has an auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auctions in order to properly dispose of RRABB machinery and equipment; 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 5th day of July 2022 does hereby agree to surplus the 2005 John Deere excavator listed as unit number 630, which will be sent to the next available auction, after a replacement excavator is received.

RESOLUTION 48-2022

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 and considered authorizing the advertisement of bids for the purchase of two new tractors that were included in the 2022-2023 budget; and,

WHEREAS, included in the RRABB 2022-2023 annual budget was the purchase of two new tractors; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed tractors are approximately 150 hp, Agricultural Tractors; and,

WHEREAS, these tractors cannot be purchased on Louisiana State Contract because the state contract is limited to items with an individual net price of less than \$100,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated amount is \$130,000.00 per machine, therefore necessitating advertising for public bid; 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 5th day of July 2022 does hereby agree to the advertisement of bids for the purchase of two new tractors.

RESOLUTION 49-2022

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 Mr. Donnie Rico for the installation of a water well in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rico is requesting to install a 6” water well located approximately 320’ from the toe of the Mansura Hills to Hamburg Levee Segment on the protected side in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5th day of July 2022 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 50-2022

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. Ralph St. Clergy for the installation of a water well in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. St. Clergy is requesting to install a 3” water well located approximately 250’ from the toe of the South Bank Levee Segment on the protected side in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5th day of July 2022 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,

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 51-2022

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 Mr. Charles Ray for the installation of a boat ramp in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Ray is requesting to install a boat ramp located approximately 228' from the toe of the South Bank Levee Segment on the unprotected side in Avoyelles Parish near Egg Bend; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5th day of July 2022 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.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: RRABB Forestry Management Update

- RRABB currently has a Land & Timber Management Contract with Baker Land & Timber Management, Inc. to provide various professional timberland management services for RRABB. Mr. Donald Baker and Mr. Robert Tassin gave an update on the status of certain RRABB owned tracts.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Big Bend Levee Watershed Basin H&H Study Update

- The RRABB levee District entered into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with DOTD to have an H&H study performed on the Big Bend Watershed (Pomme De Terre) in Avoyelles Parish in May of 2021. The study has been completed and Mr. Paul Trimble with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix, and Hixson provided a summary of their findings. The final report was transmitted to Mr. Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Representative, as required by the IGA.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 3: RRABB Tract R-5 40-acre Land Lease in Rapides Parish

- RRABB advertised Tract R-5 for the second time for three consecutive weeks in addition to sending letters to adjacent land owners. RRABB did not receive any bids on this tract. A sign will be placed on Tract R-5 to try and create interest. If RRABB begins to receive calls from people interested in leasing this tract, it will be readvertised.

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. Andrew C. Leon 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 5th day of July 2022, 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 5th day of July 2022.



Board Secretary