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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 1, 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, November 1, 2022 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; 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. Ingles. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; 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 71-2022

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 ratification of RRABB meeting items considered at the October 3, 2022 meeting; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of November 2022 does hereby agree to the ratification of Resolution 69-2022 giving the Executive Director the authority to execute the required servitude documents for access servitude requested by Mr. John Simpson in relation to RRABB tract R-17 in Rapides Parish and ratification of Resolution 70-2022 approving the addendum to the RRABB Land & Timber Management Contract in order to facilitate the reforestation of RRABB Tract A-13 in Avoyelles Parish.

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RESOLUTION 72-2022

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 Travis and Stacey Bordelon for the installation of a levee ramp in Rapides Parish along the Red River Southbank Levee: and,

WHEREAS, the Bordelon's are requesting to construct a levee ramp located approximately ½ mile south of the KCS Railroad crossing below Alexandria near Highway 1 in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of November 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 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 73-2022

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 publicly advertising and soliciting bids for Agricultural Tract A6 (480-acres) in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, the lease agreement for Tract A6 (480-acre agricultural tract) expires on February 28, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the current lessee is Luke Sayes at a rate of \$93.625 per acre and was active for the initial three year term as well as the three year renewal term allowed by the original agreement; 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 1st day of November 2022 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to readvertise Tract A6 for public bid.

RESOLUTION 74-2022

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 authorization of a request for a legal opinion regarding RRABB Levee District drainage activities; and,

WHEREAS, at the August 2022 board meeting, a discussion of the drainage policy was held where previous attorney general opinions concerning levee district drainage activities were shared; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 1st day of November 2022 does hereby agree to give the Executive Director and Board Attorney the authority to draft a letter to the Attorney General's Office requesting an Opinion Letter regarding the scope of duties of a Levee District as it relates to drainage activities.

RESOLUTION 75-2022

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 extending the current mowing contract with Burns Maintenance Group LLC; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB's original mowing contract with Burns Maintenance Group expired at the end of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the primary contract allows RRABB to extend the contract for three (3) additional 1-year periods with the current terms; and,

WHEREAS, the contract was extended for the 2022 year and allows for the option of extending for 2023; and,

WHEREAS, under this contract, the contractor mows the entire West Atchafalaya Protection Levee, the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee, as well as the three ring 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 1st day of November 2022 does hereby agree to cancel the current mowing contract with Burns Maintenance, LLC.

Motion made by Mr. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Andrew Leon to hold an election of officers.

Motion made by Mr. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Andrew Leon to elect Mr. Andrew Leon President.

Motion made by Mr. Andrew Leon and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to elect Mr. Christopher Dauzat Vice President.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 5: RRABB's Policy Manual Titled "Guidance on General Drainage Activities Performed by the RRABB Levee District"

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- In June 2018, the RRABB Board of Commissioners revised the drainage policy to include additional language regarding requested project funding by outside agencies/entities as follows:

“Unless considered and approved by the RRABB Board of Commissioners under extraordinary circumstances, no Levee District funds will be utilized or distributed to perform activities/projects that fall outside of RRABB’s statutory responsibilities of operations and maintenance of the flood protection levees within its designated jurisdictional and territorial boundaries. Funding requested by other agencies or entities to sponsor projects or activities that do not fall under RRABB’s statutory responsibilities will not be considered for approval.”

The discussions around drainage requests have consumed the levee district for many years as evidenced by previous meeting minutes. Revisions to the policy would be to consider adding language that requires the requesting entities to reimburse the levee district for all costs associated with drainage requests (to include labor, fuel, equipment, overhead).

The board has decided to defer action on this agenda item until an Attorney General’s Opinion is received.

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. Chris Roy, Jr.

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 1st day of November 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 1st day of November 2022.



Board Secretary