

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT

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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING July 13, 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, July 13, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Andrew C. Leon, St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Warren Byrd, Executive Director; and Guests. Mr. Roy was present via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Byrd. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Byrd; Mr. Christopher Dauzat and Mr. Andrew C. Leon were present and Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. was present via teleconference. 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 34-2021

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 and considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with LaDOTD concerning drainage in Rapides, Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes; and,

**WHEREAS**, LaDOTD wishes to enter into an IGA with RRABB in order to conduct an H&H Study for the Courtableau-Teche-Vermilion watershed in Rapides, Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds for an H&H Study will come from LaDOTD and be handed down to RRABB as the local sponsoring agency; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB will administer those funds to MMLH for their engineering services on the H&H Study; and,

**WHEREAS**, the study is estimated to cost approximately \$250,000.00; and,

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**WHEREAS**, this study will concentrate on the Bayou Amie Outfall Structure and provide solutions to help the drainage problems that this watershed is experiencing; 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 does hereby agree to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with LaDOTD for an H&H Study for the Bayou Amie Outfall Structure.

### **RESOLUTION 35-2021**

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 and considered a boundary agreement between RRABB Levee District and Mr. Troy Leger from St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2008, Mel Harrison, head surveyor with LaDOTD, surveyed RRABB Tract SL-3 for the Levee Board; and,

**WHEREAS**, tract SL-3 is an 80-acre tract located in Palmetto, Louisiana off of Hwy. 360; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon completion, the survey showed that the north boundary line was several feet off of an existing fence line; and,

**WHEREAS**, in January of 2017, RRABB sent a letter to Mr. Leger that stated RRABB recognized the north survey line as the boundary line and not the existing fence line; and,

**WHEREAS**, since then, Mr. Leger is now requesting that RRABB execute a boundary agreement stating that our surveyed line as shown on the Harrison 2008 survey is the true north boundary line; 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 does hereby agree that Warren Byrd, Executive Director, is authorized to execute a

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Boundary Agreement with Troy Joseph Leger and Darlene Joyce Morain Leger to establish that the Northern boundary of the property owned by the Levee District, which is identified as the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2 of NW1/4) of Section 3, T-4-S, R-6-E, is shown as the Section line as established by a plat of survey by Melvin L. Harrison dated January 4, 2008, and that the fence line which is located a few feet North of the Section line is not the property line between the 80.09 acres owned by the Levee District and the 79.75 acres owned by Troy Joseph Leger and Darlene Joyce Morain Leger.

### RESOLUTION 36-2021

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 publicly advertising the Big Creek tract located in Rapides Parish off of Hwy 115; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director is proposing to advertise this home-site with the adjoining 60 acres on the west side of Hwy 115; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 60 acres has road access as well as access to Big Creek; and,

**WHEREAS**, for hunting purposes, this tract would be bow-hunting only due to the proximity of the state highway; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB plans to perform a first thinning harvest operation on this tract in the next 24 months; 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 does hereby agree to advertise and accept public bids for the Big Creek tract located off of Hwy 115 in Rapides Parish.

### RESOLUTION 37-2021

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 and considered a Right of Way Servitude with the Red River Waterway Commission near the Rigolette Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, as part of Phase 1 for the Rigolette Structure Rehab Project, RRABB needs to gain electric service to the Rigolette Flood Control Structure; as it currently has no electric service available to the structure; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to accomplish this, RRABB needs a ROW so that CLECO can run aerial electric service to the flood control structure from a location that is approximately 2,200 feet down from the project area; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRWC is proposing to give RRABB a 100' wide by 2,200' long ROW for CLECO to run its aerial service; and,

**WHEREAS**, this ROW is located at the toe of the Aloha – Rigolette Levee in Rapides Parish; 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 does hereby agree to approve the Right of Way Servitude Agreement with the Red River Waterway Commission near the Rigolette Levee in Rapides Parish.

### **RESOLUTION 38-2021**

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 and considered the 2021-2022 RRABB Employee Pay Increases; and,

**WHEREAS**, on July 15, 2021, pending State funding, all RRABB classified employees will receive the Louisiana Civil Service mandated Market Adjustment pay increases; and,

**WHEREAS**, each employee pay increase is predetermined based on where the employee falls within his/her position pay bracket; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the pay increases range from 2% to 4% for the classified positions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Office Assistant position as well as the RRABB Executive Director position are both unclassified positions and therefore are not eligible for the Civil Service mandated Market Adjustment pay increases; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the Board voted to increase the Executive Director position by 3% each July until his employment contract is up for renewal, which is in July of 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the only RRABB position to consider at this meeting is that of Rhonda Worsham, the Office Assistant; 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 does hereby agree to increase the hourly pay rate of the Office Assistant, Rhonda Worsham, from \$16.07 per hour to \$16.55 per hour which is a 3% increase.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: Permit Request from C&R Farms Partnership

- This item was delayed until the August 2021 meeting.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Presentation Concerning Proposed Bike Paths

- To hear a presentation from Mr. Jacques Goudeau and Mr. Tony Tradewell concerning using the Red River and Atchafalaya River levees as a public bike path in Rapides, Avoyelles and St. Landry Parish. Continued effort on a project that would propose to allow the public to utilize the levees on the Red River and the Atchafalaya as a bike trail for recreational cycling has been underway for some time now. The overall project would span from Shreveport to the Gulf. The proposed route within RRABB's jurisdictional territory would begin on the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish to Fort DeRussy in Avoyelles Parish; then to the Mansura Hills Levee to Hamburg and then onto the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes. The Executive Director will update Mr. Chris Dauzat concerning this issue and provide information that

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outlines the details of the bike path proposal. Further discussion may occur at the August 2021 Board meeting.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 8: December ALBL Meeting in New Orleans

- The Association of Levee Boards will hold their December meeting in New Orleans on December 8-9. The meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. At this time, all the Board Commissioners and the Board Attorney will be attending the conference.

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. Andrew C. Leon and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

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Board Secretary