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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING November 2, 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, November 2, 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 53-2021

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 proposed pedestrian ramps on the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is requesting to construct "Z" type pedestrian ramps and stairs on both the landside and riverside of the Southbank Levee in Alexandria, Louisiana at the existing Alexandria Amphitheater; and,

WHEREAS, other planned improvements include: modifications to the existing asphalt trails, construction of a 70-space paved parking lot, landscaping, lighting and maintenance upgrades to the existing levee road paving and pavers; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of November 2021 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is

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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 54-2021

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 a Permit Request from Mr. Al Mahfouz for the construction of a house site in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mahfouz is requesting a permit from the Levee Board for the construction of a house near the Southbank Levee in Avoyelles; and,

WHEREAS, the house will be constructed near an existing house, so no utility installation over the levee is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed site is approximately 1,500 feet from the toe of the Southbank Levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of November 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,

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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 55-2021

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 Alon Refining for the installation of RipRap at their facility in St. Landry Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Alon Refining located in Krotz Springs in St. Landry Parish is requesting to install RipRap in front of Dock 3 of their facility to increase the safety factor against bank failure; and,

WHEREAS, this facility is near the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee on Hwy. 105; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of November 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 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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RESOLUTION 56-2021

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 a Permit Request from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the LaDOTD is requesting a permit for a mill and overlay project located on La. 451 from Pete Laborde Road continuing E/SE to Bobby Gaspard Road; and,

WHEREAS, drainage structures will also be replaced or repaired as part of the rehab project; and,

WHEREAS, the project location is near the Big Bend Levee Segment; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of November 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.

RESOLUTION 57-2021

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 project concerning a proposed drill site location on RRABB's 40-acre tract (R-4) near Kincaid Lake in Rapides Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, Authentic Reductions, LLC submitted a 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; and,

WHEREAS, their goal is to bring in CO2 captured from area emitters via pipeline and inject it into the subsurface pore space under RRABB's tract using a Class VI injection well; and,

WHEREAS, Authentic Reductions offered RRABB a one-time payment of \$25,000 to lease a 5-acre pad site on RRABB's 40-acre tract R-4; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB will negotiate the one-time payment amount with Authentic Reductions prior to entering into a lease 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 2nd day of November 2021 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to negotiate the one-time payment amount to lease RRABB's Tract R-4 in Rapides Parish with the minimum amount being \$25,000.00.

RESOLUTION 58-2021

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 bids for RRABB's 80-acre hunting tract A-4 in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB Tract A-4 (80-acres) has been advertised for hunting and sealed bids were submitted for review; and,

WHEREAS, this tract is an 80-acre hunting tract located adjacent to a larger 140-acre tract that is currently under consideration for a land exchange; and,

WHEREAS, it is possible that RRABB will acquire this 140-acre tract that would give RRABB one, large contiguous tract of approximately 220-acres; and,

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WHEREAS, due to the possible land exchange, RRABB would only grant a 1-year lease for the 80-acre tract; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB received one sealed bid from Mr. Keith Lacombe for \$22.00 per acre; 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 2nd day of November 2021 does hereby agree to accept the bid of \$22.00 per acre from Mr. Keith Lacombe for the 80-acre hunting tract located in Avoyelles Parish for a term of one year.

RESOLUTION 59-2021

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 bids for the control of johnson grass on the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee for St. Landry and Avoyelles Parish, LLC; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB is proposing to begin a johnson grass abatement program by spraying certain levees in St. Landry and Avoyelles Parish with an approved herbicide to target and kill the unwanted johnson grass that is invading RRABB levees; and,

WHEREAS, two quotes were received and reviewed by the Levee District staff; and,

WHEREAS, the quotes received are for the spraying of the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee along Hwy. 105 only and are as follows; and,

Vendor	\$/Application	Yearly Cost
NaturChem	\$43,500	\$87,000.00
Edko	\$54,970	\$109,940.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of November 2021 does hereby agree to accept the lowest bid of \$49,500.00 per application from NaturChem

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to spray the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee with an approved herbicide to target and kill the unwanted johnson grass for the year 2021.

RESOLUTION 60-2021

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 Request for Proposal bids for the construction of a metal equipment shed in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB included the construction and installation of a 40'x80'x18' metal equipment shed in the 2021-2022 Annual Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed equipment shed will be constructed at the RRABB Avoyelles Parish shop located in Marksville off of Hwy. 1; and,

WHEREAS, the equipment shed will be utilized to cover equipment such as tractors, dump trucks, backhoes, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on November 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and are as follows; and,

	<u>Total Bid</u>
Simpsons Metal Building, LLC	\$66,000.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of November 2021 does hereby agree to award the bid of \$66,000.00 to Simpsons Metal Building, LLC for the construction and installation of a 40'x80'x18' metal equipment shed at RRABB's Marksville shop in Avoyelles Parish.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 5: RRABB Land Leases

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- RRABB will have approximately 12 land lease agreements that will expire at the end of February 2022. These land tracts will need to be re-advertised for public bidding. The Executive Director plans to seek authority from the Board to re-advertise these tracts at the January 2022 Board meeting.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 10: 2021 ALBL Meeting in New Orleans

- The annual ALBL meeting in New Orleans will be held on December 7th – 9th at the Hilton Riverside Hotel. Accommodations need to be made by the Staff to ensure proper registration and hotel rooms are reserved.

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 2nd day of November 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 2nd day of November 2021.

Board Secretary