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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING March 8, 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, March 8, 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; 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 18-2022**

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. Douglas Gerace for the construction of a pond near the WABPL in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gerace is requesting to construct a 300'x 200'x 5' deep pond near the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed pond will be approximately 500' from the toe of the flood protection levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 19-2022**

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 Ms. Britney Bordelon for the construction of a pond near the Bayou Des Glaises Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Bordelon is requesting to construct a 150'x 80'x 10'deep pond near the Bayou Des Glaises Levee in Simmesport, Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed pond shall be approximately 100' from the toe of the protection levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the dirt excavated from the pond will be used to construct a house pad on the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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,

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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, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District.

#### **RESOLUTION 20-2022**

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. Aaron Slayter to remove timber from his property near the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Slayter is requesting to harvest timber on his property near the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the timber falls within 1500' of the flood protection levee; and,

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Slayter is also requesting to utilize the levee crown road to haul the timber off his property; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB is requesting a bond be provided by the logging company; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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

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& 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 21-2022**

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 Cleco Power for the installation of an overhead electric line on the flood side of the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** Cleco is requesting to install an overhead electric service line to serve TD Investments; and,

**WHEREAS**, three forty-foot wooden poles will be installed, each embedded six feet in the ground on the flood side of the protection levee; and,

WHEREAS, no work on the net section of the levee is anticipated; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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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### **RESOLUTION 22-2022**

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. Trent Dauzat for the construction of an earthen levee ramp on the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Dauzat is requesting to construct an earthen levee ramp on the Southbank Levee near Hwy. 457 in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the levee ramp will be constructed per USACE specifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 23-2022**

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. Trent Dauzat for the installation of a PVC water line over the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

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**WHEREAS,** Mr. Dauzat is requesting to install a PVC water line over the Southbank Levee at GPS Coordinates 31.1727 and -92.2970; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed water line will be installed per USACE specifications; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 24-2022**

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. Trent Dauzat for the construction of several activities near the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Dauzat is requesting to perform the following activities; and,

- Construct a 24'x 60' pole barn
- Install a 16'x 80' mobile home
- Construct a future home site

**WHEREAS**, all of these activities are located in the same vicinity and all are within 1500' of the Southbank Levee; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 25-2022**

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 Central Louisiana Regional Port in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS,** CLRP is requesting to clear and grub approximately 5 acres of wooded area on the flood side of the Red River Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the project site is located adjacent to the Port facility; and,

**WHEREAS,** work will not begin until a final Jurisdictional Determination is completed by the USACE; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 26-2022**

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 the 11 RRABB land tracts that were publicly advertised for three consecutive weeks and bids publicly opened on February 22, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received one bid for the 120-acre hunting Tract R-1 in Rapides from Mr. Rodney Belgard for \$13.00 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received two bids for the 80-acre hunting Tract R-3 in Rapides with Ms. Ann Murrel being the highest bidder at \$13.00 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received one bid for the 123-acre hunting Tract R8 in Rapides from Mr. Billy Pharis for \$12.20 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received one bid for the 40-acre hunting Tract R-12 in Rapides from Mr. Kerry Neuville for \$15.00 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received two bids for the 80-acre hunting Tract A-2 in Avoyelles with Mr. Glen Mayeaux being the highest bidder at \$61.80 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received two bids for the 70-acre hunting Tract A-5 in Avoyelles with Chad Desselle being the highest bidder at \$25.00 per acre; and,

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**WHEREAS,** RRABB received three bids for the 29-acre bow hunting Tract A-17 in Avoyelles with Mr. John Laborde being the highest bidder at \$25.57 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received one bid for the 20-acre grazing Tract A-18P in Avoyelles from Mr. Brent Scallan for \$23.00 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received one bid for the 80-acre hunting Tract SL-2 in St. Landry from Mr. Wayne Ardoin for \$35.00 per acre; and,

**WHEREAS,** RRABB received one bid for the 160-acre hunting Tract SL-4 in St. Landry from Mr. Kevin Blood for \$36.78 per acre; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 does hereby agree to award the land leases to the listed highest bidder.

### **RESOLUTION 27-2022**

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 and considered advertising the position of Executive Director for the RRABB Levee District; and,

**WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2022, the employment contract for the current Executive Director will expire; and,

**WHEREAS**, he has chosen to not reapply for the position; therefore, the Board will need to advertise for the Executive Director position in order to begin interviewing candidates; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board President has selected a committee consisting of Mr. Warren Byrd, Mr. Christopher Dauzat and Mr. Andrew Leon to gather resumes and vet all candidates; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB will advertise the position with Louisiana State Civil Service, The Town Talk, the Marksville Weekly News, The Eunice News and RRABB's website; 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 does hereby agree to advertise the position of Executive Director until March 31, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION 28-2022**

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 renewing a professional services contract with Electronic Control Systems; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB maintains a professional services agreement with ECS to provide general preventative maintenance on a majority of RRABB's flood control structures including the Bayou Rapides Pump Station and the Spanish Bayou Pump Station; and,

WHEREAS, our current agreement is up for renewal; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to the new and upgraded equipment at the Spanish Bayou Pump Station, the yearly cost of required pump station inspections have increased; and,

**WHEREAS,** these monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual pump station inspections are required by USACE; 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 does hereby agree to accept the new two-year contract from Electronic Control Systems.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 11: May 2022 ALBL Meeting

• The Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 5 and Friday, May 6, 2022 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The staff needs to know who plans on attending the meeting for workshop registration and hotel accommodations.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 12: Palmetto Gate Closure in St. Landry Parish

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• In the 2021-2022 RRABB Annual Budget, funds were budgeted for the replacement of the existing Palmetto Gate Closure located on the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in St. Landry Parish. The existing closure device is not acceptable to the USACE due to its current condition. Quotes were received from Fontaine in November of 2020. Correspondence with the USACE New Orleans District began in February 2021 requesting design calculations for the gate. In September of 2021, RRABB sent the USACE design drawings for their review and approval concerning the new closure gate. On January 31, 2022, RRABB received the Letter on No Objection to the new closure gate designed by Fontaine. I budgeted \$75,000 for the entire project in the 2021-2022 annual budget. Due to the delays of acquiring USACE plan approvals, the new project estimate is now \$120,000. Funds are currently available to still move forward with completing the project.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 13: Update on RRABB's Land Management

• Baker Land Management will be providing a letter with the anticipated work items and work forecast for 2022, which includes completing Avoyelles and St. Landry tract inspections, post tract inspections and update RRABB Tract Worksheet with findings and recommendations, carry out reforestation of the 40-acre tract in Avoyelles Parish that was acquired through a land exchange with SCB, LLC and continue to monitor the local timber markets.

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, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 8 <sup>th</sup>	day of March 2022									

**Board Secretary**