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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
December 6, 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, December 6, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Rapides 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. Leon. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; Mr. Andrew C. Leon, Mr. Christopher Dauzat and Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. 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 76-2022**

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat  
Seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for RRABB Tract A-6 a 480-acre agricultural tract in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current lease agreement for Tract A-6 expires on February 28, 2023; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current lease rate is \$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,

**WHEREAS**, the staff has publicly advertised the tract for three consecutive weeks and the bid tabulations are as follows; and,

<u>Name</u>	<u>\$ Per Acre</u>	<u>\$ Per Year</u>	<u>3 Year Total</u>
Luke Sayes	\$114.58	\$54,998.40	\$164,995.20

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Dauzat's Row Crop Cattle	\$134.28	\$64,454.40	\$193,363.20
Christopher Laborde	\$115.01	\$55,204.80	\$165,614.40
Chad Tassin	\$151.39	\$72,667.20	\$218,001.60

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 does hereby agree to accept the highest bid of \$151.39 per acre from Mr. Chad Tassin for tract A-6 in Avoyelles Parish.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS: Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
 NAYS: NONE  
 ABSTAINED: NONE  
 ABSENT: NONE

**RESOLUTION 77-2022**

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat  
 Seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered publicly advertising and soliciting bids for Camp Site Tract 1 (0.67-acres) in Simmesport, Louisiana; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current lease agreement for Tract 1 in Simmesport expires on December 31, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current lessee is Brandon Laprairie at a rate of \$600.00 per year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laprairie has advised that he does not intend to renew the current lease upon expiration; 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to readvertise Tract 1 in Avoyelles Parish for public bid.

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### RESOLUTION 78-2022

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered adding an additional authorized signature for the RRABB bank account for continuity in operations; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Article XVI – Disbursement of Funds of the RRABB By-laws all Levee District obligations regardless of amount must be paid by check and general disbursement checks shall be co-signed by any two of the following: President, Vice-President, Executive Director, or a designee of the board; and,

**WHEREAS**, for effective continuity of operations, the board may consider authorizing the Levee Maintenance Superintendent as an additional authorized signatory authority; 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 does hereby agree to authorize the Levee Maintenance Superintendent as a temporary additional authorized signatory authority until a new Executive Director is hired.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS:	Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Mr. Andrew C. Leon
NAYS:	NONE
ABSTAINED:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Andrew C. Leon to enter into Executive Session to discuss the character and professional competence of the RRABB Executive Director position.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles for this agenda item;

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YEAS: Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
NAYS: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat to come back into regular session.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS: Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Chris Roy, Jr., Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

The Board has decided to table Agenda Item No. 6: Discussion of the Character and Professional Competence of the RRABB Executive Director Position in Executive Session until a later date.

A roll call vote was requested by Mr. Leon and performed by Mr. Ingles for this agenda item;

YEAS: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., Mr. Christopher Dauzat, Mr. Andrew C. Leon  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAINED: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 3: Amending the 2022-2023 RRABB Annual Budget

Currently, RRABB has budgeted in the capital outlay category for Machinery and Equipment a total of \$439,500 which includes purchase of two new tractors, one new cutter, one new excavator, and one new welding machine. All of the budgeted equipment has been ordered and waiting on delivery (welder already received). At the request of St. Landry Parish Commissioner,

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an additional tractor/cutter combination purchase is proposed. Updated quotes for tractor and cutter have been received and would require a budget amendment of \$160,000 to be added to Machinery and Equipment under capital outlay as shown on the attached revised budget.

If approved, the cutter can be purchased off of state contract but bids would have to be received for the tractor as it exceeds the allowed amount under state contract.

The Board agreed to further discuss this item at the January 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dauzat and seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

  
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Board Secretary