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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 2, 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, August 2, 2022 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dautat, 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 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 Dautat 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 52-2022

Motion by Mr. Andrew C. Leon
Seconded by Mr. Christopher Dautat

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered a request from the City of Alexandria to cooperate in providing sewer service along Calvert Street; and,

WHEREAS, representatives with the City of Alexandria initiated discussions with RRABB to facilitate sewer service for a piece of property that was recently annexed by the City across from the RRABB Headquarter's office; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB currently owns the entire lot adjacent to Calvert Street between Hwy 28 West and Bayou Rapides Road; and,

WHEREAS, RRABB has a long-term lease with DOTD for the DOTD Project Engineer's Office located at the corner of Calvert Street and Bayou Rapides Road; and,

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WHEREAS, the RRABB Maintenance Shop and DOTD office is served by a sewer lift station located near the DOTD office that pumps sewer effluent to the City of Alexandria's gravity main located along the service road of Hwy 28 West; and,

WHEREAS, the City has asked RRABB to consider giving them a servitude for the sewer lift station and associated force main so that they can have the property recently annexed served with City sewer service; and,

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate this request,

1. RRABB would have to give the City a servitude for the lift station and effluent force main.
2. City of Alexandria would take ownership of the lift station and force main with perpetual associated operation and maintenance responsibilities.
3. City of Alexandria would provide a separate metered electrical service to the lift station independent of DOTD's metered service.
4. The existing gravity feeds to the lift station from DOTD and RRABB Shop Building would continue to be serviced by the lift station; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of August 2022 does hereby agree to give the RRABB Executive Director the authority to enter into the appropriate agreement bound by these terms with both the City of Alexandria and DOTD.

RESOLUTION 53-2022

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 a request from the City of Pineville to cooperate in providing assistance to clear a parcel of land for future development of a warehouse to serve as an asset storage and training building for the City of Pineville Police Department; and,

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WHEREAS, the City of Pineville has requested that RRABB assist with clearing a parcel of land at the southern end of the Aloha-Rigolette Levee Segment for future construction of a warehouse to serve as an asset storage and training building; and,

WHEREAS, the area to be cleared has had timber harvested within the last several years and consists of a 200' x 200' parcel with small trees and underbrush; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated effort would take two days and include a dozer, track hoe and two-man heavy equipment crew; 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 August 2022 does hereby agree to give the RRABB Executive Director the authority to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of Pineville.

RESOLUTION 54-2022

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 reviewed the renewal of the 2022-2023 RRABB Insurance Policy; and,

WHEREAS, Turrentine Insurance Agency, Inc. has provided policy renewals for RRABB coverage for 8/1/22 through 8/1/23; and,

WHEREAS, Workers Compensation and Employers Liability through Louisiana Worker' Compensation Corporation (\$39,203.00/year) (4% decrease from last year's premium); and,

WHEREAS, Commercial Property & System Breakdown, Inland Marine, General Liability, Wrongful Acts & Professional Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Commercial Crime, Business Automobile and Excess Liability through Tokio Marine Specialty Insurance Company (\$73,491.19) (9.5% increase from last year's premium); and,

WHEREAS, RRABB owned land properties coverage was modified to allow for a renewal

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period that coincides with other insurance policies; and,

WHEREAS, the increase is attributed to added equipment after acceptance of last year's Proposal including backhoe, trailers, and utility vehicles along with inflationary induced replacement values of insured buildings; 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 August 2022 does hereby agree to renew the RRABB 2022-2023 insurance policies.

RESOLUTION 55-2022

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 approving a land lease extension for Tract A12-AG for an additional 3-year term; and,

WHEREAS, at the February 7, 2017 meeting, RRABB approved a lease agreement for Tract A12-AG to Mr. Jason Gauthier for \$146/acre for an initial lease term of 3 years with an option to renew for 3 subsequent years subject to a \$1/acre increase for each renewal year; and,

WHEREAS, since this agreement was in place, RRABB adopted a policy on land leases (Resolution 22-2019) at the March 7, 2019 meeting which allows for agriculture tracts to be leased with an initial term of 3 years and an option to renew the lease for two additional three-year terms for a total of 9 years; and,

WHEREAS, the current request for consideration, is to modify the lease agreement that was executed in February 7, 2017 to allow for an additional three-year renewal term subject to an increase of \$1/acre for each subsequent year allowing for a total of 9 years in accordance with the current land lease policy; 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 August 2022 does hereby agree to renew Tract A12-AG with Mr. Jason Gauthier for an additional three-year extension with a \$1/acre increase per year.

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RESOLUTION 56-2022

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dausat
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. John Guillot for the installation of a water well along the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Guillot is requesting to install a 6” water well located approximately 600’ from the toe of the levee segment on the flood side in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of August 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 57-2022

Motion by Mr. Christopher Dausat
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 Tri Steel Properties for the installation of a water well and power pole along the Casandra Hills Levee in Avoyelles Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, Tri Steel is requesting to install a 4” water well located approximately 330’ from the toe of the levee and associated power pole located approximately 350’ from the toe of the levee on the flood side in Avoyelles Parish; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2nd day of August 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 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 58-2022

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 amending the 2022-2023 RRABB Annual Budget for repairs needed at the Bayou Rapides Pump Station; and,

WHEREAS, currently, RRABB has budgeted in the operating category for Bayou Rapides Pump House \$35,000.00 which includes required routine inspections, operations, and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, during routine inspections, it has been noted that the South Pump motor has an oil leak within the top bearing reservoir; and,

WHEREAS, in order to have this further investigated and repaired, the motor will need to be pulled and disassembled by a qualified repair facility; and,

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WHEREAS, it is estimated that repairs will cost approximately \$50,000.00 which will include disassembly, bearing reservoir repairs, replacement pump bearing flange, recondition, and reassembly; and,

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that this work be coordinated and completed after hurricane season in late 2022; 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 August 2022 does hereby agree to amending the RRABB 2022-2023 Annual Budget to include repairs needed at the Bayou Rapides Pump Station.

REVENUES

Taxes	\$2,925,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$50,000
Fees & Self-Generated Funds	\$848,850
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,823,850

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$991,300
Fringe Benefits	\$782,800
Operating Services	\$1,058,400
Travel	\$10,000
Professional Services	\$79,500
Capital Outlay	\$901,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,823,850

RESOLUTION 59-2022

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 Hunting Tract R2 (247-acres) and Hunting Tract R5 (40-acres) in Rapides Parish; and,

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WHEREAS, Tract R2 (247-acre hunting tract) has been canceled with the previous lessee due to non-payment; and,

WHEREAS, the previous lessee was Mr. James Rollins for \$10/acre and was active for the 1st two years of the initial three-year term prior to cancellation; and,

WHEREAS, Tract R5 (40-acre hunting tract) has been advertised twice recently with no bids received, after the latest bid advertisement closed, an adjacent landowner has indicated interest in submitting a bid for this lease; 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 August 2022 does hereby agree to allow the Executive Director to readvertise Tract R2 and Tract R5 for public bid.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: Herbicide Spraying Contract

- 8/4/2021 – NaturChem representatives presented their proposed services to control Johnson grass to RRABB.
- 11/2/2021 – Proposals were received by RRABB from NaturChem and Edko for two treatments of herbicide targeting Johnson grass (NatureChem - \$43,500/application, Edko - \$54,970/application). RRABB selected NaturChem.
- 2/2/2022 – Due to timing of the 11/2/21 agreement execution with NaturChem, the weather prevented the herbicide application in 2021, therefore RRABB executed agreement with NaturChem in February with same terms as original proposal for the 2022 year.
- At the end of May, after the 1st mowing cycle was completed, NaturChem treated the levee segment. It was quickly apparent that complete coverage was not obtained leaving strips of untreated grass along the slopes of the levee. NaturChem remobilized two additional times to complete the initial application.

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- A representative from NaturChem was in attendance to address any questions or concerns by the Board. The Board requested that NaturChem use a die within a test section at the start of the 2nd application to confirm the proper application coverage.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 2: Big Bend Levee Watershed Basin H&H Study Discussion

- 5/4/2021 – RRABB entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DOTD to have an H&H study performed on the Big Bend Watershed (Pomme de Terre) in Avoyelles Parish.
- 7/5/2022 – MMLH (Engineering Firm) completed the H&H Study and presented results to RRABB. In accordance with the IGA between RRABB and DOTD, the resulting H&H report was transmitted to DOTD.
- Donald Bishop has requested RRABB’s assistance in completing the work to widen this existing drainage as recommended by the H&H report. He was in attendance to discuss his concerns with the Board. The Board suggested that he contact Wildlife and Fisheries for assistance with this project.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 7: City of Pineville Permit Request (Rapides Parish)

- The City of Pineville is planning to demolish two existing drainage pump stations and construct a new drainage pump station with piping extending over the levee for discharge into Huffman Creek. The project will also include the construction of a ~1.4-acre detention pond. This permit request review by both USACE and LA DOTD will require extensive coordination with the applicant. An initial telephone conference with all parties was held on July 13, 2022. Additional stipulations for long term operation and maintenance will need to be discussed to be included in this permit. The Board has tabled this permit request until RRABB Executive Director provides additional permit language to address long term operation and maintenance requirements.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 12: RRABB Drainage Policy and Related Equipment

- In September 2017, the RRABB Board of Commissioners adopted a policy manual titled, “Guidance on General Drainage Activities Performed by the RRABB Levee District” that outlined certain obligations and responsibilities that RRABB adheres to regarding drainage work within its jurisdictional boundaries. In June 2018, the RRABB Board of Commissioners revised the policy to include additional language regarding requested

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project funding by outside agencies/entities. The current policy along with the most recent taxing reports were provided to the Board for review. After discussion, no changes were made to the current RRABB drainage policy.

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. Christopher Dauzat 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 2nd day of August 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 2nd day of August 2022.



Board Secretary