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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
September 5, 2023**

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, September 5, 2023 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Mr. Christopher Dausat, 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; 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 Dausat 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 49-2023**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered bids for Bayou Lamourie Structure Rehabilitation Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, included in the RRABB 2023-2024 annual budget was the Bayou Lamourie Structure Rehabilitation Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project includes replacing the existing gate, stems, and actuators; and,

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated and budgeted amount is \$230,000.00 for the entire project which includes design, contract administration, and construction; and,

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**WHEREAS**, engineering consultant MMLH, had requested bids from four contractors that were received on August 31, 2023 and are as follows; and,

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Progressive Construction, LLC	\$213,200.00
Dixie Overland Construction, LLC	\$253,000.00
Merrick, LLC	\$188,000.00

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 does hereby agree to accept the lowest bid of \$188,00.00 from Merrick, LLC for the Bayou Lamourie Structure Rehabilitation Project.

### RESOLUTION 50-2023

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 ratification of additional work associated with levee pipe inspections in Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is required by USACE to conduct camera inspections for all levee penetrations on a 5-year interval; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the July 2023 board meeting, RRABB approved a proposal by Air Data Solutions, LLC to perform video inspections of the levee pipe penetrations at the Simmesport Ring Levee and the Krotz Springs Ring Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon preparation to dewater and perform the pipe inspections, USACE stipulated that the contractor shall be certified by the National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Melville Ring Levee pipe penetrations had already been videoed by staff but upon learning of the NASSCO requirement, it was elected to have the contractor perform the additional pipe inspections for the Melville Ring Levee resulting in an additional cost of \$5,640.00 using the contract rate of \$10 per foot of pipe; 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 does hereby agree to ratify additional work required to complete the 5-year interval levee pipe inspections required by the USACE in Avoyelles and St. Landry Parishes.

**RESOLUTION 51-2023**

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 authority to hire (1) mobile equipment operator; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB had an employee in St. Landry Parish retire effective 7/31/2023 (Levee Foreman C); and,

**WHEREAS**, upon separation, Civil Service advised that this position should be changed to a Levee Foreman B due to the job requirements; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to continue with current planned operations, it is proposed to hire a mobile equipment operator currently; and,

**WHEREAS**, recommendation is to authorize the advertisement of a mobile equipment operator position to be hired in Avoyelles or St. Landry Parish, work location will be dependent on the applicant chosen; 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 does hereby agree to authorize the advertisement to hire (1) mobile equipment operator.

**RESOLUTION 52-2023**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Cleco Power, LLC for the installation of aerial electric service across the Big Bend Levee to Dustin Anderson property in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to replace an existing pole and install one new power pole with aerial span electric service across the levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 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 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 53-2023**

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 a Permit Request from Daniel Fuselier for the installation of underground electric service on the unprotected side of the West Atchafalaya River Levee approximately 2 miles North of Krotz Springs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install an underground electric service with associated feeds for the future development of camp or RV sites; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 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



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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 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 54-2023**

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 a Permit Request from Dawain Desselle for the installation of a water well in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is requesting to install a 4" water well at a depth of 100' approximately 650 feet from the Red River South Bank Levee near the Fifth Ward community to be used for irrigation purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 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 to ensure that all is in accordance with standards set forth by the

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussed Agenda Item No. 3: RRABB 2022-2023 Annual Audit

- RRABB's 2022-2023 annual audit was recently completed and the audit summary report has been provided. There were no findings on this audit.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 5: Bayou Amie H&H Study

- RRABB entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with DOTD to hire a consultant to perform a Hydrologic and Hydraulic study to recommend options for facilitating drainage near the Bayou Courtableau Structure into Bayou Amie. The H&H modeling is nearing completion with the final report expected in mid-September. Mr. Paul Trimble with MMLH provided an updated presentation to the board.

Discussed Agenda Item No. 6: 2023 ALBL Annual Meeting in New Orleans

- The annual ALBL meeting in New Orleans will be held from December 6 – December 7, 2023 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Accommodations need to be made by the Staff to ensure proper registration and hotel rooms are reserved. The meeting agenda has not been made available at this time. Board members will notify Staff if they plan to attend.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Christopher Dauzat 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

Board Secretary