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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
September 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, September 6, 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; 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. Ingles. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Ingles; 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 60-2022**

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 solicited bids for RRABB Tract R-2 in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB Tract R-2 in Rapides Parish is a 247-acre hunting tract in which RRABB recently terminated the lease agreement with James Rollins due to non-payment of his annual lease; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rollins' lease was for \$10.00 per acre and was active for the first two years of the initial three-year term prior to cancellation; and,

**WHEREAS**, this tract was publicly advertised for three weeks and the bid opening was held on August 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; and,

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**WHEREAS**, RRABB received one bid for the 247-acre hunting tract in Rapides parish from Mr. Steven Girouard for \$10.05 per acre; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 does hereby agree to accept the highest, most responsible bid from Mr. Steven Girouard, for RRABB Tract R-2 in Rapides Parish.

**RESOLUTION 61-2022**

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 solicited bids for RRABB Tract R-5 in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB Tract R-5 in Rapides Parish is a 40-acre hunting tract in which RRABB recently terminated the lease agreement with Mr. David Johnson due to non-payment of his annual lease; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Johnson's lease was for \$12.00 per acre and was active for the first year of the initial three-year term prior to cancellation; and,

**WHEREAS**, this tract was publicly advertised for three weeks and the bid opening was held on August 30, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB received one bid for the 40-acre hunting tract in Rapides parish from Terry McPherson for \$20.38 per acre; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 does hereby agree to accept the highest, most responsible bid from Terry McPherson, for RRABB Tract R-5 in Rapides Parish.

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**RESOLUTION 62-2022**

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 bids for the purchase of (2) 150 HP 4WD Tractors; and,

**WHEREAS**, included in the RRABB 2022-2023 annual budget was the purchase of two new tractors; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed tractors (approximately 150 hp-Agricultural Tractors), could not be purchased on Louisiana State Contract because the state contract is limited to items with an individual net price of less than \$100,000.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, the anticipated and budgeted amount is \$130,000.00 per machine, therefore necessitating advertising for public bid; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the July board meeting, the commission authorized the advertisement of bids, which the staff has publicly advertised for three consecutive weeks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the bid opening was held on August 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB received two bids, one from Goldman Equipment for \$276,500.58 and one from Progressive Tractor and Implement for \$247,946.14; 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 September 2022 does hereby agree to accept the lowest, responsible, responsive bid for the two tractors from Progressive Tractor and Implement.

**RESOLUTION 63-2022**

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 the City of Pineville through its agent, Pan

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American Engineers, for modification and improvements to the Huffman Creek Pump Station and Outfall in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, 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; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project will also include the construction of a ~1.4 acre detention pond; and,

**WHEREAS**, this permit request review by both USACE and DOTD will require extensive coordination with the applicant; and,

**WHEREAS**, at the August 2022 board meeting, this item was deferred in order to develop additional stipulations for long term operation and maintenance to be included in the permit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pineville as the owner of the proposed structure accepts primary responsibility as an owner or sponsoring agency for the design, construction, maintenance, and all related obligations; not limited to, but including required USACE periodic inspections related to their works; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 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.

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**RESOLUTION 64-2022**

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. Carlos Polotzola for the installation of a cross fence with cattle guard and parallel fence along the West Atchafalaya River Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Polotzola is requesting to install a cross fence with cattle guard and parallel fence on the West Atchafalaya River Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project location is on the right descending bank of the Atchafalaya River approximately 1 mile south of the intersection of LA 105 and LA 360; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 65-2022**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed a Permit Request from Delek – Krotz Springs Refinery through its agent, Keystone Engineering, for the installation of a new drum and a new plate and frame heat exchanger with pilings in the vicinity of the West Atchafalaya River Levee in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Delek is requesting to install a new drum and a new plate and frame heat exchanger with wooden pilings located approximately 1000' from the protected side toe of the West Atchafalaya River Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the project location is on the right descending bank of the Atchafalaya River approximately 1 mile south of the intersection of LA 105 and US 190 in Krotz Springs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 66-2022**

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 the Ratification of Change order No. 1 and Substantial Completion for the Lecompte Spillway Repairs Project; and,

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**WHEREAS**, at the October 2019 board meeting, the Commission authorized a contract with Python Corporation for vertical joint sealing on the Lecompte Control Structure for a total bid of \$41,478.00; and,

**WHEREAS**, due to extended periods of high-water levels which prevented work, Change Order No. 1 was executed in order to extend the contract time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the work was completed recently and substantial completion issued on August 12, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 does hereby agree to the Ratification of Change Order No. 1 and Substantial Completion for the Lecompte Spillway Repairs Project issued on August 12, 2022.

**RESOLUTION 67-2022**

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 purchasing a new Batwing Cutter in the 2022-2023 RRABB Annual Budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, included in the RRABB 2022-2023 annual budget was the purchase of a new Batwing Cutter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed cutter, Rhino 4150, can be purchased on Louisiana State Contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, Progressive Tractor & Implement Co. has submitted a quote for the Rhino Batwing Cutter provided on State Contract; and,

**WHEREAS**, total quoted price as presented is \$24,970.80; and,

**WHEREAS**, this new cutter will replace an existing machine in Rapides Parish; and,

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022 does hereby agree to the quote from Progressive Tractor & Implement Co. for the Rhino Batwing Cutter that is on Louisiana State Contract.

**RESOLUTION 68-2022**

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 declaring certain RRABB assets as surplus property; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB currently has a 2011 Ford F-350, Unit #682 assigned to Avoyelles Parish (current mileage is 120,562) which will be replaced by a similar vehicle with less mileage; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB currently has an auctioneer contract with Bonnette Auctions in order to properly dispose of RRABB machinery and equipment; 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 September 2022 does hereby agree to surplus the 2011 Ford F-350, Unit #682 assigned to Avoyelles Parish, which will be sent to the next available auction.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussed Agenda Item No. 1: Bayou Natchitoches Improvement Organization Presentation

- 8/3/2021 – Avoyelles Parish Police Jury requested assistance from RRABB in conjunction with the Bayou Natchitoches Drainage Improvement Organization (BNDIO) to assist with cleaning and maintenance of Bayou Natchitoches.
- 9/14/2021 – RRABB and APPJ entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to facilitate the request.



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- Representatives of the Bayou Natchitoches Drainage Improvement Organization, Mr. Steve Landry and Mr. Jessie Lachney along with Senator Heather Cloud and Representative Daryl Deshotel expressed gratitude to the Board regarding the work that was performed with a presentation of a plaque of appreciation

## Discussed Agenda Item No. 9: Property Boundary (Rapides/Avoyelles Parish)

- A property owner (Patricia Lindner) shared concerns relating to the property boundary of RRABB Tract R-16. The property owner produced documents that she felt indicated her ownership of the Southwest corner of the RRABB Tract (approximately 5-8 acres). After research, it was determined that this tract was conveyed to RRABB from the State Land Office in October 1926. This conveyance was filed in Rapides parish in November 1954 and Avoyelles Parish in December 1954.

## Discussed Agenda Item No. 12: 2022 Annual ALBL meeting in New Orleans

- The Association of Levee Boards will hold their annual meeting in New Orleans on November 30 and December 1, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel. At this time, all the Board Commissioners, Executive Director and the Board Attorney will be attending the conference.

## Discussed Agenda Item No. 13: Canal Cleaning in Avoyelles Parish

- A request by the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury has been submitted to clean out portions of two canals/bayous. One is Johnson Bayou, located in the Brouillette community of Avoyelles Parish and the other is Mill Bayou, located near Bordelonville. The RRABB Drainage Policy adopted in 2017 states that such activity shall come before the Board for discussion and consideration.
- The Board requested a cost benefit analysis be done and an official request be submitted from the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury before considering this project.

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.

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**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 September 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 September 2022.

  
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Board Secretary