

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT

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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING APRIL 5, 2016

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, April 5, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Messrs. Carlos Polotzola, President and St. Landry Parish Commissioner; Chris J. Roy Jr, Vice President and Rapides Parish Commissioner; Keith Lacombe, Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Chris Brouillette, Executive Director; Debbie Hooper Lafleur, Board Secretary; and Guests.

#### RESOLUTION 24-2016

Motion by Mr. Carlos Polotzola  
Seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District received the following sealed bids for the 3 year leases beginning April 5, 2016 – February 28, 2019;

<u>Tract #</u>	<u>Land Description</u>	<u>Bidder Name</u>	<u>Per Acre</u>
34	123 acres, Sec 34, T1N, R3W Rapides	Pharis	\$11.60
26	40 acres, Sec 26, T3S, R4E St. Landry	Bergeron	\$26.01
26	40 acres, Sec 26, T3S, R4E St. Landry	Marks	\$10.00
52	29 acres, Secs 52&94, T2N, R4E, Avoyelles	NO BIDS	
10	40 acres, Sec 10, T4N, R3E, Rapides	NO BIDS	
18	80 acres, Sec 18, T4N, R5W, Rapides	NO BIDS	
31	40 acres, Sec 31, T2N, R4W, Rapides	NO BIDS	

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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 April 2016 does hereby agree to accept the highest bids.

### RESOLUTION 25-2016

Motion by Mr. Carlos Polotzola  
Seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr

**WHEREAS**, construction of the Spanish Bayou/Huffman Creek project Phase I is complete; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its October 20, 2015 letter, informed the Red River, Atchafalaya, Bayou Boeuf Levee District (RRABB) that in order to complete the levee certification to North Bank, Pineville, and the South Bank (Alexandria), the existing pumps and associated improvements at the Spanish Bayou Pumping Station Pumps and ancillary improvements must be replaced or rehabilitated; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, as part of the certification process, is requiring the TV inspection and Dewatering of two drainage pipes at Huffman Creek, one drainage pipe at Spanish Bayou, and two drainage pipes located between Sanders and Rembert Street, and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure resiliency of the levee system against future storm events, the Red River Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District recommends the replacement of the pumps and ancillary improvements at the Spanish Bayou Pump Station as described more fully as: replacement of drainage pumps (2 ea), motors (2 ea), controls, oil lubrication systems, and rehabilitation of duplex 24" diameter steel discharge lines with siphon breaker, and general repairs and code compliance modifications, as well as, TV inspection of 5 drainage pipes that cross through the levee section at various locations, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Red River, Atchafalaya, Bayou Boeuf Levee District does hereby authorize an amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated October 1, 2012 between the Rapides Parish Police Jury, the City of Pineville, the

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Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District, and the Red River Atchafalaya Bayou Boeuf Levee District to include Project #40PARA3305 Spanish Bayou/Huffman Creek – Phase II, as described.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** the Red River, Atchafalaya, Bayou Boeuf Levee District does hereby approve amending the Project Application to add Phase II to Project #40PARA3305 Spanish Bayou/Huffman Creek.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Red River, Atchafalaya, Bayou Boeuf Levee District is prepared to contribute up to \$400,000.00 to be budgeted in due course for the District's monetary contribution towards the Spanish Bayou Pumping Station Pumps and ancillary improvements replacement or rehabilitation.

### **RESOLUTION 26-2016**

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the Permit Request from James (Billy) Thompson, Jr to install electric, water and sewer line in connection with a pervious permitted shop building Resolution 2-2016 in Sections 32 and 33, T4N, R1W of Rapides Parish; 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 April 2016 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.

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### RESOLUTION 27-2016

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the Permit Request from Paul Guillot to relocate existing gate approximately 120' from current location, gate will consist of two posts with a cable closure no fences will be installed located in Section 30, T2N, R3E of Avoyelles Parish; 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 April 2016 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 the 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 28-2016

Motion by Mr. Carlos Polotzola  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the Permit Request from Eustis Engineering Services, LLC to drill nine soil borings on behalf of Alon Refining Krotz Springs located on the protected side of the levee in Section 15, T6S, R7E of St. Landry Parish; 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 April 2016 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 the 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 29-2016**

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe  
Seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the Permit Request from Tommy Mayeaux to install a culvert in channel L-14-A which runs parallel to the Mansura Hills to Hamburg Levee Segment located in Section 32, T2N, R6E of Avoyelles Parish; 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 April 2016 does hereby agree to grant

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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 the 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.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe to proceed with the repairs to actuator at the Bayou Rapides station as per the quote received from ControlWorx for \$7,144.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe to file an official complaint with the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's office regarding the missing RRABB Logo magnetic signs which were last seen at the Avoyelles Shop on March 18, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe to proceed with the installation of GPS monitoring devices on the service and crew vehicles. Parts and install cost \$200-\$400 per vehicle and the monthly monitoring fee of \$25-50 depending on the plan chosen. Vender to be determined based on cost per written quotes.

No discussion of work schedule hours for employees. Item was tabled.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr to go into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss with employee Shane Lajaunie LASERS benefit claim.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr to come back into regular session at 11:15 a.m.

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### RESOLUTION 30-2016

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe  
Seconded by Mr. Carlos Polotzola

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed the administrative error of LASERS benefits for employee, Shane Lajaunie; 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 April 2016 does hereby agree to immediately pay the employer's portion contribution of \$68,963.34 plus interest of \$23,936.09; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, employee is advised to submit IRS Form 843 to the Social Security Administration requesting for a refund of Social Security benefits paid on his behalf. After which time if benefits are refunded, it will be paid to LASERS for the Employee's portion contribution of \$19,956.12. The interest of \$8,332.69 and balance difference between Social Security refund and LASERS contribution due if any difference will be discussed at that time.

### RESOLUTION 31-2016

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr  
Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed authorizing the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Red River Waterway Commission concerning cooperation and materials for improvements to the Lower Vick Levee Improvements.

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**WHEREAS**, the District received a report from Mr. Larry Sayes, a commissioner from the Red River Waterway Commission regarding needed public improvements for the Lower Vick Levee.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Red River, Atchafalaya and Bayou Boeuf Levee District is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for cooperation and to receive dirt, materials and other items from the Red River Waterway Commission necessary for improvements needed for the Lower Vick Levee improvements, maintenance and matters related thereto.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Carlos Polotzola to go into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. to conduct interview for the Executive Director position.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr to come back into regular session at 11:15 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Carlos Polotzola and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe to hire Mr. Warren Byrd for Executive Director.

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe to add to the agenda Item 14.

Motion by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Carlos Polotzola to adopt the minutes/resolutions and approve payment of the bills.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Keith Lacombe and seconded by Mr. Carlos Polotzola.



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### CERTIFICATE

I, Deborah Hooper Lafleur, 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 April 2016, 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 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016.

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Board Secretary