

# RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT

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### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA & BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING February 2, 2021

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, February 2, 2021 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The following were present: Mr. Chris Roy, Jr, President and Rapides Parish Commissioner and Mr. Keith Lacombe, Vice President and Avoyelles Parish Commissioner; Warren Byrd, Executive Director; and Guests. Mr. Roy and Mr. Lacombe were present via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Absent: Mr. Andrew C. Leon, St. Landry Parish Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Byrd. The roll call of the meeting was performed by Mr. Byrd; Mr. Chris Roy, Jr., and Mr. Keith Lacombe were present via teleconference and a quorum was present. Mr. Andrew C. Leon was absent. 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 3-2021**

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 a Permit Request from Mr. Aaron Slayter, Jr. for excavation activities near the Red River in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Slayter proposes to excavate earthen material from the left descending bank of the Red River in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed activity is approximately 900' from the toe of the Aloha to Rigolette Levee Segment and is near the Rapides/Grant Parish Line; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Slayter plans to utilize the earthen material for a project in Grant Parish; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 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 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 4-2021**

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 a Permit Request from Joshua and Kayla Holloway for the installation of a water and gas line up and over the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Holloway's are requesting to install a water line and gas line up and over the Southbank Levee in Rapides Parish near Hwy. 1 just north of Latanier; and,

**WHEREAS**, the utility installation will comply with LaDOTD and USACE standard specifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, rock will also be added to the existing levee ramp; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 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

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Operations Division for the project as described in the documentation provided with the permit request to the levee board; and,

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### **RESOLUTION 5-2021**

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 a Permit Request from White River Operating, LLC for levee access along the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee in Avoyelles Parish for oil well drilling operations; and,

**WHEREAS**, White River Operating is requesting permission to utilize the WABPL for oil well drilling operations in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, entry point onto the levee will be at the Armand Road bridge off of Hwy. 107; and,

**WHEREAS**, exit point off of the levee will be at the Deshotel Farm on Moncrief Plantation Road; and,

**WHEREAS**, this is about a 1.3 mile stretch of the levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, loads will be between 65,000 and 70,000 pounds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 does hereby agree to grant permission for the project as described, provided before the project begins, the applicant is hereby

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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 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 6-2021

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 a Permit Request from Antonio Clayton for the installation of a fence and cattleguard in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Clayton is requesting permission to install a cattleguard and cross fence on the Atchafalaya Westbank Levee in St. Landry Parish just south of Melville; and,

**WHEREAS**, the cattleguard and fence will be installed per LaDOTD and USACE specifications; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 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 an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya

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& 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 7-2021](#)

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 a Permit Request from District Six Public Works Commission of St. Landry Parish for the construction of an asphaltic concrete surfacing on the Krotz Springs Ring Levee crossing in Krotz Springs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District Six Public Works is requesting permission to construct an asphalt overlay on the Parish Road that crosses the Krotz Springs Ring Levee; and,

**WHEREAS**, they propose to install a 4.5" thick asphalt overlay on the existing aggregate roadway; and,

**WHEREAS**, no excavation work is proposed; and,

**WHEREAS**, District Six will be responsible for any and all maintenance on the asphaltic overlay, including the portion that traverses the levee and levee ramp crossing; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 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 an appointee from the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District will make an on-site inspection throughout the project period and

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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 8-2021

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 a Permit Request from Cleco Power for the installation of a padmount transformer and replacing an existing pole in Avoyelles Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cleco Power is requesting permission to replace one existing pole, add a span of 7.5KV underground primary and a padmount transformer to provide electric service to Rosaria Piazza; and,

**WHEREAS**, the pole is approximately 1,388' from the toe of the Moncla to Lake Long Levee Segment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the underground service will be buried approximately 3-4' deep; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 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,

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### RESOLUTION 9-2021

Motion by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr.

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Seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District discussed and considered solicited bids for RRABB Tract SL-1 in St. Landry Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB Tract SL-1 in St. Landry Parish is a 40-acre hunting tract in which RRABB recently terminated the lease agreement that we had with Mr. Corey Pippin due to non-payment of his annual lease; and,

**WHEREAS**, the tract is located approximately 4.5 miles northwest of Lebeau; and,

**WHEREAS**, this tract was publicly advertised for three weeks and the bid opening was on February 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB received one bid for the 40-acre hunting tract in St. Landry Parish from Mr. Brad Douglas for \$5.00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 does hereby agree to accept the highest, most responsible bid from Mr. Brad Douglas, for RRABB Tract SL-1 in St. Landry Parish.

### **RESOLUTION 10-2021**

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 and considered publicly advertising RRABB Tract R-10 in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRABB Tract R-10 in Rapides Parish is a 21-acre grazing tract located near I-49 approximately 1.5 miles west of Airbase Road; and,

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**WHEREAS**, it will be publicly advertised for three weeks and the bid results will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the next appropriate Board meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, this tract has never been leased out; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 does hereby agree to advertise and accept public bids for the 21-acre grazing tract in Rapides Parish.

### [RESOLUTION 11-2021](#)

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 and considered RRABB renewing an existing Professional Service Agreement with Ms. Ashley Lee to provide certain accounting services for the Levee District; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ashley has served as RRABB's outside accountant for the year 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, she has proven to be very knowledgeable in accounting services and bookkeeping; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ashley comes to the Alexandria Office at least once a month to help reconcile RRABB's bank statements, to reconcile QuickBook entries, etc.; and,

**WHEREAS**, she also helps with RRABB's annual audit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the hourly rate for Ashley's services is \$50.00; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 does hereby agree to accept the twelve (12) month renewal contract from Ms. Ashley Lee for accounting services.



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### RESOLUTION 12-2021

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 and considered the Slocum bridge and authorize action and remedy thereof; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Slocum bridge is located on the Chatlin Lake Canal in Rapides Parish; and,

**WHEREAS**, RRRAB is responsible for the O&M of the Chatlin Lake Canal that extends through Rapides Parish and terminates in Avoyelles Parish near the WABPL; and,

**WHEREAS**, this canal drains nearly 70% of Alexandria's storm water; and,

**WHEREAS**, the mentioned Slocum bridge is an old wooden bridge with pile located directly in the canal channel; and,

**WHEREAS**, this type of construction severely impedes the flow of storm water runoff during a rain event; and,

**WHEREAS**, debris will collect against the wooden piles of the bridge causing a major blockage that hinders the flow of water and causes flooding upstream; and,

**WHEREAS**, this bridge is a major flow impedance and needs to be removed; and,

**WHEREAS**, a low water crossing or a single span bridge with no piling located in the canal can be built as a replacement crossing; and,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners of the Red River, Atchafalaya & Bayou Boeuf Levee District in legal session assembled this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021 does hereby agree to utilize RRABB's legal counsel and file a petition (possibly a permanent injunction) to have the Slocum bridge removed from the Chatlin Lake Canal in Rapides Parish.

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

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Chris Roy, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Keith Lacombe.

### CERTIFICATE

I, Stanley Warren Byrd, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021.

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Board Secretary