

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

The Board of Directors of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. met on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Jay Lemoine, and he asked for a moment of silence honoring the life and legacy Sheriff William E. Hilton.

ROLL CALL

Billy Bennett*	Charles Riddle
John Johnson	Toney Edwards
Brad Burget*	Steven McCain
Jay Lemoine	Reed Walters*
Joe Bishop*	Roy Fore*
Loren Lampert	Chad Gremillion
Phillip Terrell*	Richard Starling
Greg Beard*	John Davidson
Sam Craft*	Elvin Fontenot
Josh McAllister*	

On roll call: 10 present, 9 proxies, 8 absent. Quorum

*Proxy

Others in attendance were:

Josh Peppers, Alexandria PD	Jeremiah Honea, Children’s Advocacy Network
Wendi Powell, Family Justice Center	Annelise Eaglin, Children Advocacy Network
Luis Cintron, Family Justice Center	Desiree Tobin, Children’s Advocacy Network
Carly Deselle, North LA Crime Lab	Noah Rodriguez, Children Advocacy Network
Joe Salmon, Pineville PD	Brooke Pitchford, Children Advocacy Network
Zoe Barton, North LA Crime Lab	Kelley Holmes, Winn SO
Derrick Holmes, Guest of Kelley Holmes	Dewain Littleton, Catahoula SO
Jeremy P. Edwards, Red River Delta	Casey Palombo, Red River Delta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Elvin Fontenot second by Chad Gremillion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 23, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting and to adopt these minutes as posted to the website. On vote, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Lemoine reported that the Executive Committee voted on a new source of funding titled Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP). Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy P. Edwards to report on Byrne SCIP. Edwards reported that the purpose of SCIP is to assist state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce gun violence and violent crime through proactive violence prevention and intervention strategies. Red River Delta had about a month to decide how to allocate the funds. Staff met informally with Project Priority Committee Chair John Davidson to discuss options, and they agreed that due to the fast-approaching deadline only a few agencies be approached to submit a request for the funds. Fiscal years 2022 and 2023 were combined for a total of \$138,982. Alexandria, Grant, Pineville, and Rapides (the LE agencies in RADE) submitted requests and these requests were combined into one program with Red River Delta as the applicant agency, with 3.5% admin cost for Red River Delta. The executive committee reviewed the Red River Delta Notice of Intent and voted via email to approve the request. After discussion, a motion by Lampert, second by Fontenot, to accept the Executive Committee Report and ratify its decision. On vote, motion carried.

PROJET PRIORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

President Lemoine called on John Davidson to present the Project Priority Committee Report. Davidson reported that the Project Priority Committee met on March 5, 2026, and the committee recommends approval of the FY 2024 JJDP, FY 2025 VAWA, and FY 2025 VOCA projects as shown on the attached listing. After discussion, motion by Charles Riddle, seconded by Steven McCain, to approve the FY 2024 JJDP, FY 2025 VAWA, and FY 2025 VOCA recommendations by the Project Priority Committee as shown on the attached listing. On Vote, motion carried. Representatives of agencies receiving reimbursement abstaining from voting on their respective reimbursements.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

President Lemoine called on McCain to present the Audit Committee Report. McCain stated the Audit Committee met before the board meeting and Lee Willis, CPA, explained Red River Delta was doing well financially, and the Review for the FY 2025 (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025) did not include any findings. After discussion, a motion by Lampert, second by Fontenot, to accept the Audit Committee Report and the FY 2025 Review. On vote, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to present the financial report. Jeremy Edwards reported on the status of each account on the attached financial report. After a discussion, a motion by Gremillion, second by McCain, to adopt the financial report. On vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to provide an update on the Letlow allocation, few LCLE actions from the March 19, 2026, LCLE meeting, and a request to the Louisiana Legislature for an appropriation.

Edwards reported that the Letlow allocation originally requested for federal Fiscal Year 2025 was approved in Fiscal Year 2026 and is now law, and that he received an email from the Bryne Grants Team stating that the funding opportunity will be released in the coming weeks.

Edwards reported that at the March 19, 2026, LCLE meeting, the commission members voted on three actions that affect Red River Delta subgrants and law enforcement agencies. First, they voted on a new penalty. LCLE will rescind (or take back) 25% of the federal funds when two consecutive Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) reports are delinquent. Secondly, the commission approved to increase the maximum allowable percentage of fringe benefits from 30% of the personnel costs to 45%. Lastly, on the recommendation of Executive Director Jim Craft, the commission voted to cease the training reimbursements to agencies with a cadet graduating from an academy. Lampert suggested the creation of a subcommittee to explore the possibility of funding the training academies in the RRD region to promote training and so that they could lower the cost of tuition for other law enforcement agencies.

Edwards reported that Louisiana House Speaker Pro Temp Mike Johnson asked if Red River Delta needed anything in the 2026 legislative session. After this discussion, Red River Delta submitted a formal request for \$250,000 to support violent crime and drug enforcement.

Lemoine called on Assistant Director Casey Palombo for the grant programs report. Palombo provided an update on each funding source, answered questions, and said that if anyone had any other questions to contact the district office.

Lemoine called on the following agency personnel for a status report of their respective programs:

North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory – Alexandria; Carly Desselle, Lab Supervisor
Alexandria Police Training Academy; Josh Peppers, Lieutenant
Children’s Advocacy Network; Jeremiah Honea, Executive Director
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana; Wendi Powell, Executive Director

Lemoine presented the list of upcoming meetings and reported on the funeral arrangements for Sheriff Hilton.

The arrangements for Sheriff Hilton are as follows: the visitation will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026, 4:00pm – 8:00pm and Friday, March 27, 2026, 9:00am – 12:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 5011 Jackson St., Alexandria, LA, 71303. The funeral will take place Friday, March 27, 2026, 12:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church. The burial will be held at Fellowship Cemetery, 7426 LA Hwy 112, Hineston, LA 71424.

The next Red River Delta Board of Directors meeting would be at 5:30 pm Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360, and Joe Bishop and Roy Fore, City of Pineville will host.

The next Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 10-11, 2025, at West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr, Port Allen, LA 70767.

Lemoine thanked Jeremiah Honea and the Children's Advocacy Network for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully, Casey Palombo, Board Secretary