

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

The Board of Directors of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. met on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Jay Lemoine.

ROLL CALL

Charles Riddle	David Dauzat
Toney Edwards	David Hedrick
Joey Merrill	Steven McCain*
Jay Lemoine	Reed Walters
Chris Peters	Chad Gremillion
Phillip Terrell	Richard Starling
Greg Beard	John Davidson
Mark Wood*	Sam Craft*
Elvin Fontenot	Anthony Eaves
Cranford Jordan	

On roll call: 16 present, 3 proxies, 6 absent. Quorum

*Proxy

Others in attendance were:

Chris Cooper, Alexandria PD	Josh Peppers, Alexandria PD
Robert Murphy, 9 th JDA	Wendi Powell, Family Justice Center
Emma Givens, Family Justice Center	Joe Salmon, Pineville PD
Joey Jones, North LA Crime Lab	Carly Deselle, North LA Crime Lab
Robert Beauregard, Rapides SO	Jeremiah Honea, Children’s Advocacy Network
Diane Jordan, Guest of Cranford Jordan	Stacey Roberts, Grant SO
Lane Windham, LaSalle SO	Jeremy P. Edwards, Red River Delta
Casey Palombo, Red River Delta	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Greg Beard, second by Elvin Fontenot to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 5, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting and to adopt these minutes as posted to the website. On vote, motion carried.

PROJET PRIORIRTY COMMITTEE REPORT

President Lemoine called on John Davidson to present the Project Priority Committee Report. Bennett reported that the Project Priority Committee met on March 14, 2024, and the committee recommends approval of the FY 2022 JJDP, FY 2023 VAWA, and FY 2023 VOCA projects as shown on the attached listing. After discussion, motion by Toney Edwards, seconded by Chad Gremillion, to approve the FY

2022 JJDP, FY 2023 VAWA, and FY 2023 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 Reed Walters to present the Audit Committee Report. Walters stated the Audit Committee met before the board meeting and that Lee Willis, CPA, explained Red River Delta was doing well financially, and the Review for the FY 2023 (October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023) did not include any findings. After discussion, a motion by Chris Peters, second by Toney Edwards, to accept the Audit Committee Report and the FY 2023 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 Fontenot, second by Charles Riddle, to adopt the financial report. On vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards concerning annual conflict-of-interest forms and ethics disclosures were due. Jeremy Edwards asked that each board member present sign a conflict-of-interest form before leaving the meeting, and reminded everyone that the ethics disclosure statements are due by May 15, 2024.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to present the Training Reimbursements. Edwards notified the board that the reimbursement check from the 6/30/23 quarter was received from LCLE, and those agencies should be reimbursed shortly. Jeremy Edwards then stated that a total of 18 officers had graduated, and their respective agencies are due \$2,600 in state training reimbursement funds contingent on LCLE funding.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards for the grant programs report. Jeremy Edwards 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; Joey Jones, Director
Alexandria Police Training Academy; Lt. Chris Cooper, Academy Director
Children’s Advocacy Network; Jeremiah Honea, CAC Program Director
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana; Wendi Powell, Executive Director

Lemoine stated that there was a vacancy on the board due to Angela Chutz resigning. Motion by Phillip Terrell, second by Riddle to amend the agenda to allow the appointment of a new board member. On vote, motion carried.

Motion by Terrell, seconded by Gremillion to appoint Loren Lampart, newly elected Judge of the 9th Judicial District, to the board of directors. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine presented the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Red River Delta Board of Directors meeting would be at 6:30 pm Tuesday, May 28, 2024, with at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360, and Toney Edwards, Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office will host.

The next Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 5-6, 2024, at West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr, Port Allen, LA 70767.

Lemoine thanked David Dausat and the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Board Secretary