

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

ANNUAL MEETING RED RIVER DELTA LEPC, INC.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporate Membership of the Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. met on September 23, 2025, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President Jay Lemoine presented the slate of board members. Lemoine reported that Heath Dillon was removed from the Vernon Parish delegation and replaced with Ray Ortiz. Motion by Reed Walters to amend the slate to remove Reed Walters from the LaSalle Parish delegation and replace him with Sheriff Lane Windham. Having no further discussion, motion by Loren Lampert, second by Elvin Fontenot to close the floor to nominations and accept the slate as attached. On vote, motion carried.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors of Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc. met on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Jay Lemoine.

ROLL CALL

Billy Bennett*	Charles Riddle
David Dauzat	David Hedrick*
Joey Merrill	Steven McCain
Jay Lemoine	Reed Walters
Chris Peters	Joe Bishop
Roy Fore*	Loren Lampert
Chad Gremillion*	Phillip Terrell*
Richard Starling, Jr.	Greg Beard
John Davidson	Mark Wood*
Sam Craft	Elvin Fontenot
Anthony Eaves*	

On roll call: 14 present, 7 proxies, 6 absent. Quorum

*Proxy

Others in attendance were:

Carly Deselle, North LA Crime Lab	Joe Salmon, Pineville PD
William Mattox, Avoyelles SO	Annie Salazar, Children's Advocacy Network
Doug Alford, Alexandria PD	Jimmie Peters, Guest of Chris Peters
Ray Ortiz, 30 th JDA	Wendi Powell, Family Justice Center
Michael Brescher, Concordia SO	Rory Pollock, Vernon SO
Jeffery Gaspard, 12 th JDA	Mike Johnson, State Representative and Speaker Pro Tempore
Gabe Firment, State Representative	Jeremy P. Edwards, Red River Delta
Casey Palombo, Red River Delta	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lampert, second by Greg Beard to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 28, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting and to adopt these minutes as posted to the website. On vote, motion carried.

PROJECT PRIORITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Lemoine called on Chairman John Davidson to report on the Project Priority Committee. Davidson reported that the committee met on August 27, 2026. The committee reviewed proposals for FY 2025 Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Funds - \$177,359 (Estimate), FY 2025 JAG Less Than \$10,000 Funds - \$45,499 (Estimate), and FY 2026 Violence Against Women (VAWA) Funds - \$408,258. Report comes in form of motion for Project Priority Committee, second by Steven McCain to approve the Project Priority Committee recommendations as attached allowing staff to make prorated adjustments based on the final allocation with the exception of those programs that are allocated at the amount requested. On vote, motion carried. Representatives of agencies receiving an allocation abstained from voting on their respective programs.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lemoine presented the Financial Report & FY 2026 Budget Amendments as shown on the attached financial report. Motion by Charles Riddle, second by Lampert to accept the financial report and amend the FY 2026 budget as presented. On vote motion carried.

Lemoine presented the Review Engagement Letter from Rozier, McKay & Willis for the Fiscal Year 2026, ending September 30, 2026. Lemoine explained it is the same agency used for the last few years. There being no further discussion, motion by Reed Walters, second by Chris Peters to authorize President Jay Lemoine to sign the Review Engagement Letter with Rozier, McKay & Willis. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine reported on the FY 2027 Local Dues Schedule. Lemoine stated the dues were updated and calculated using 2025 estimated populations and 2020 parish assessments. Lemoine stated the total amount of dues for the district, in the amount of \$150,000, will not change. With no further discussion, motion by Joe Bishop, second by McCain to adopt the FY 2027 Local Dues Schedule. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to present the FY 2027 Budget Proposal, which includes the Letlow Community Project Funding, the State Crisis Intervention Program, a 4% cost of living increase for each Casey Palombo and Jeremy Edwards in salary plus related benefits, and a new deferred comp plan offered by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office. There being no discussion, motion by McCain, second by Joey Merrill to approve the 2027 budget proposal. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine presented the RPSO Contract and stated it includes salary and benefits costs for Jeremy Edwards and Casey Palombo. After discussion, motion by Bishop, second by Lampert to authorize President Jay Lemoine to sign the Red River Delta/Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office contract. On vote, motion carried. District Attorney Jay Lemoine abstained from voting on this issue.

ELECTIONS

Lemoine listed the names of the current Executive Committee and asked for any discussion or any other names to consider for the Executive Committee, there being no further discussion motion by Lampert, second by Walters to close nominations and keep the Executive Committee the same as follows: Jay Lemoine, President; Elvin Fontenot, Vice President; Billy Bennett, Treasurer; Toney Edwards, At-Large; Mark Wood, At-Large. On vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Lemoine called on Assistant Director Casey Palombo for the grant programs report. Palombo provided an update on each funding source 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 La Criminalistics Laboratory; Alexandria; Carly Deselle, Alexandria Lab Supervisor
Alexandria Police Training Academy; Doug Alford, Sergeant
Children's Advocacy Network; Annie Salazar, Therapy Director
Family Justice Center of Central Louisiana; Wendi Powell, Executive Director

Lemoine presented the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, September 23-24, 2026, at West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr, Port Allen, LA 70767.

Lemoine announced that Red River Delta Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm Tuesday, December 1, 2026, was canceled and the next Red River Delta Board meeting will be Tuesday, March 23, 2027, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360. Lemoine then presented the 2027 meeting schedule.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Edwards to speak on the 50th Anniversary of Red Rive Delta. Edwards provided a brief history and highlighted past programs supported by the nearly \$100,000,000 in grant funds allocated through Red River Delta as well as past and current board presidents.

Lemoine thanked Sheriff Sam Craft and the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Board Secretary