

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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 with no changes. Having no further discussion, motion by Charles Riddle, second by Reed Walters to close the floor to nominations. On vote, motion carried. Motion by Riddle to accept the slate of nominations as attached, second by Chad Gremillion. 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 23, 2025, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by President Jay Lemoine.

ROLL CALL

Billy Bennett	Charles Riddle
David Dauzat	John Johnson*
Toney Edwards	Brad Burget*
Joey Merrill*	Steven McCain*
Jay Lemoine	Reed Walters
Joe Bishop*	Roy Fore
Loren Lampert	Chad Gremillion
Phillip Terrell*	Richard Starling, Jr.
Greg Beard	John Davidson
Sam Craft	Elvin Fontenot
Heath Dillon*	

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

*Proxy

Others in attendance were:

Josh Peppers, Alexandria PD	Ben Adams, Catahoula SO
Robert Murphy, 9 th JDA	Carly Deselle, North LA Crime Lab
Dwaine Littleton, Catahoula SO	Jeremiah Honea, Children's Advocacy Network
Joey Jones, North LA Crime Lab	William Maddox, Avoyelles SO
Joe Salmon, Pineville PD	Nicole Dubea, Grant SO
Sam King, Vidalia PD	Marshella Walters, Guest of Reed Walters
Jeremy P. Edwards, Red River Delta	Casey Palombo, Red River Delta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loren Lampert, second by Riddle to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 22, 2025, 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 September 4, 2025. The committee reviewed proposals for FY 2024 Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Funds - \$166,031 and FY 2024 JAG Less Than \$10,000 Funds - \$45,499. Motion by Toney Edwards, second by Walters to approve the Project Priority Committee recommendations as attached. On vote, motion carried. Representatives of agencies receiving an allocation abstained from voting on their respective programs.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy P. Edwards to present the August 31, 2025, Financial Report. Jeremy Edwards reported on the status of each account on the attached financial report. Motion by Lampert, second by Toney Edwards to adopt the financial report. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine presented the FY 2025 Budget Amendments as shown on the attached financial report. Motion by Walters, second by Greg Beard to amend the FY 2025 budget as presented. On vote motion carried.

Lemoine presented the Review Engagement Letter from Rozier, McKay & Willis for the Fiscal Year 2025, ending September 30, 2025. Lemoine explained it is the same agency used for the last few years. There being no further discussion, motion by Toney Edwards, second by Riddle to authorize President Jay Lemoine to sign the Review Engagement Letter with Rozier, McKay & Willis. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine presented the FY 2026 Local Dues Schedule. Lemoine stated the dues shown are the same as FY 2025 and are based on the 2020 Census and 2020 Parish Assessments numbers. With no further discussion, motion by Sam King (proxy of Joey Merrill), second by Lampert to adopt the FY 2026 Local Dues Schedule. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to present the FY 2026 budget. Jeremy Edwards stated the proposed budget remained mostly the same as the previous fiscal year but did include a four percent cost of living pay increase for Jeremy Edwards and Casey Palombo and funds for capital improvement. There being no discussion, motion by David Dauzat, second by Toney Edwards to approve the 2026 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 Lampert, second by Walters 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.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to report on the need to update the Human Trafficking policy. Jeremy Edwards reported that an update to the Human Trafficking policy is needed to be in compliance with federal rules and regulations because Red River Delta receives federal grant

funds. Motion by Lampert, second by Toney Edwards to recommend to the Board of Directors to adopt the attached updated Human Trafficking policy. On vote, motion carried.

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 Walters, second by Riddle to close nominations. On vote motion carried. Motion by Walters, second by Riddle to accept the slate of 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 Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to report on the available funds. Edwards reported the following funds were available:

FY 2024 JJDP; \$39,179 (End: 6/30/28)
FY 2025 VAWA; \$106,784 (End: 6/30/27)

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 Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory; Alexandria; Joey Jones, System Director
Alexandria Police Training Academy; Josh Peppers, Sergeant
Children's Advocacy Network; Jeremiah Honea, Executive Director

Lemoine presented the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, September 24-25, 2025, at West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 N. Westport Dr, Port Allen, LA 70767.

The next Red River Delta Board of Directors meeting would be at 5:30 pm Tuesday, December 2, 2025, with at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360, and the host will Phillip Terrell, 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office. There was brief discussion regarding possible schedule conflict with several board members, and the possibility of cancelling the December 2, 2025 meeting.

Lemoine thanked Sheriff Toney Edwards and the Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Office for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Board Secretary