

RED RIVER DELTA LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL, INC.

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

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 24, 2024, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President Jay Lemoine presented the slate of board members with the only change being Josh McAllister replacing Cranford Jordan. Having no further discussion, motion by Charles Riddle, second by Loren Lampert to close the floor to nominations. On vote, motion carried. Motion by Riddle to accept the slate of nominations as attached, second by Joe Bishop. 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 24, 2024, at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Jay Lemoine.

ROLL CALL

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

On roll call: 14 present, 9 proxies, 4 absent. Quorum

*Proxy

Others in attendance were:

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| Chris Cooper, Alexandria PD | Josh Peppers, Alexandria PD |
| Robert Murphy, 9 th JDA | Carly Deselle, North LA Crime Lab |
| Robert Beauregard, Rapides SO | Jeremiah Honea, Children’s Advocacy Network |
| Joey Jones, North LA Crime Lab | Tim Ryan, Avoyelles SO |
| Joe Salmon, Pineville PD | Vernon Stevens, Concordia SO |

Ben Adams, Catahoula SO
Tiffany Simpson, Vidalia PD
Casey Palombo, Red River Delta

Shelia McFarland, Vidalia PD
Jeremy P. Edwards, Red River Delta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Darrell Basco, second by Elvin Fontenot to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 23, 2024, 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 21, 2024. The committee reviewed proposals for FY 2023 Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Funds - \$194,754 and FY 2023 JAG Less Than \$10,000 Funds - \$55,462. Motion by Lampert, second by Fontenot 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, 2024, Financial Report. Jeremy Edwards reported on the status of each account on the attached financial report. Motion by Lampert, second by Bishop to adopt the financial report. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine presented the FY 2024 Budget Amendments as shown on the attached financial report. Motion by Toney Edwards, second by Bishop to amend the FY 2024 budget as presented. On vote motion carried.

Lemoine presented the Review Engagement Letter from Rozier, McKay & Willis for the Fiscal Year 2024, ending September 30, 2024. Lemoine explained it is the same agency used for the last few years. There being no further discussion, motion by Billy Bennett, second by Riddle to authorize Jay Lemoine to sign the Review Engagement Letter with Rozier, McKay & Willis. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine presented the FY 2025 Local Dues Schedule. Lemoine stated the dues shown are the same as FY 2024 and are based on the 2020 Census and 2020 Parish Assessments numbers. With no further discussion, motion by Bennett, second by Lampert to adopt the FY 2025 Local Dues Schedule. On vote, motion carried.

Lemoine called on Executive Director Jeremy Edwards to present the FY 2025 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. There being no discussion, motion by Riddle, second by Walters to approve the 2025 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 Riddle, second by Fontenot 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 Bishop, second by Riddle to close nominations. On vote motion carried. Motion by Bishop, 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 present the Training Reimbursements. Executive Director Jeremy Edwards reported that Red River Delta had received funding for academies through 6/30/2024 and reimbursed area agencies for 21 officers at \$10,500. Edwards stated that no more reimbursements are expected for the foreseeable future.

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; Lt. Chris Cooper, Academy Director
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 25-26, 2024, 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 6:30 pm Tuesday, December 3, 2024, with at Red River Delta, 615 Main St., Pineville, LA 71360, and the host will Phillip Terrell, 9th Judicial District Attorney’s Office.

Lemoine thanked Joey Merrill and the Vidalia Police Department for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,
Casey Palombo, Board Secretary