

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Location: 3535 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

**November 15, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Edwin Parker, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Douglas Hillensbeck, James Little, Angela Machin, Richard St. Pierre, Don Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Harris, Felicia Lee

VACANT SEAT: East Baton Rouge Parish, East Feliciana Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO, PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Parker.

2. Roll Call (see above).

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None. Representative Mincey was unable to attend.

4. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Bailey to approve the October 2022 regular meeting minutes.

5. Financial Statements:

- Bailey presented to the Board the October 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Little to approve the October 2022 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.

6. Executive Director Report

- Rietschier updated the Board on the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
- The Board discussed the CSRS contract proposal in relation to ARBC performing a study as set forth in the 2022 Regular Legislative Session House Resolution No. 149 by Representative Mincey. The Board previously questioned as to whether HR 149 is in conflict with Act 490. Act 490 states that the board is prohibited from expending or obligating unrestricted funds, except funds designated for operational costs or to meet existing contractual obligations until January 1, 2023. The Board reviewed the written legal opinion which states that ARBC may expend unrestricted funds to perform the directive outlined in HR 149. However, it was not clear to the Board as to whether the proposed contract would cover and/or fulfill the directive as outlined in HR 149. The Board unanimously agreed on motion by Hoover, second by Bailey to defer this matter to the new ARBC Board of January 2023.
- Feasibility Study ARBC/CSRS April 19, 2022 Contract Extension: The Board unanimously agreed on motion by Hoover, second by St. Pierre to extend the Feasibility Study CSRS contract until December 31, 2022.

7. ARBC Legal Counsel: None

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: It was noted that the regular ARBC meeting in December will be held on December 13, 2022, same time and place.

10. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Edwin Parker, ARBC President

Date: 12/13/22

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/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary