

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

May 17, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Alvin Bargas, John Brass, Russell Cornette, Willie George Lee, Anthony Rouchon, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Thompson, Joel Louque, Randolph Saucier

ALSO PRESENT: Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director
Toni Guitrau, Executive Secretary
Larry Bankston, Attorney

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Callender.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: Mr. Joe Sevario, consultant to the Ponchartrain Levee District, introduced himself and offered his assistance if needed.
3. Public Hearing on Proposed Budget 2011-12. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Brass second by Lee to open Public Hearing. As there were no public comments, the Board unanimously approved a motion by T. Louque, second by Cornette to close the Public Hearing. A motion was offered by Cornette, second by T. Louque to approve Proposed Budget of 2011-12, as presented. A voice vote was called for and resulted as follows:

YEAS: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Al Bargas, John Brass, Russell
Cornette, Willie George Lee, Anthony Rouchon, Jerry Thibeau, Larry
Thomas, Dale Zuelke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Don Thompson, Joel Louque, Randolph Saucier

4. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thibeau to approve the April 2011 meeting minutes as presented.
5. Financial Statement Report
 - T. Louque presented to the Board the April 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Rouchon to approve the April 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
6. Report by Executive Director
 - Presented the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
 - Reported on the recent public meetings held on April 28, 2011, and May 4, 2011 in regard to the mitigation area and acquisition of properties.
7. ARBC Legal Counsel Report – Old Business
 - At the April 27, 2011 bid opening 2 bids were received for demolition of the structure at 18851 Plank Road, Zachary, Louisiana. One from American Construction Demolishing Co., Baton Rouge, Louisiana and one from Young's General Contracting, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana. Both bids were submitted timely and met all qualifications. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Cornette to approve the lowest bidder, American Construction Demolishing Co. for \$19,000.

- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Lee to approve the addendum to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for retainer contract for professional surveying and abstracting services, as presented. Mentioned that the addendum changes the submission date to June 1, 2011 at 3 p.m. and opens the quoting process to allow people to show experience in the areas of surveying and abstracting.
- Discussed the status of the CEA between the ARBC and LA DOTD.
- Expropriation Process: No action was taken.
- Discussed the current status of HB 423 including suggested proposed amendments by Representative White.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Lee to approve a task oriented contract(s) for Professional Services (student worker or other) to assist when needed.
- Discussed pending litigation.

8. New Business: None

9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Cornette to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lawrence Callender
Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau
Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: June 21, 2011