

The following resolution was offered by Thibeau and seconded by Bargas:

RESOLUTION NO. 1084

A resolution providing for the adoption of a Public Comment Policy for the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District (the "Governing Authority") is without specific rules and regulations concerning the public comment period in their open meetings.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has amended La. R.S. 42:5 as it applies to the requirement that a public body provide for "public comment" at its meetings. Act 850 of the 2010 Legislative Session requires that the public comment period take place prior to any action on the agenda items.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority thereof, that:

The Governing Authority adopts the following rules regarding the public comment period:

1. The public comment period will take place prior to any substantive agenda items.
2. Public comments will be limited to the items listed on the agenda. Persons wishing to comment must identify the agenda item on which they intend to comment.
3. Speakers are limited to a period of three minutes to make comments.
4. The total public comment period will be limited to thirty minutes. This period may be extended by motion of a member of the ARBC or by declaration of the President.
5. If there are a large number of speakers, the President may request that they select one or more representative speakers to speak for the group and extend the time for those speakers to a time that allows them to fully express the position of the group. If there are speakers on opposing sides of an issue, both sides should be granted equal opportunity to comment.
6. Comments shall be respectful, without any vulgarity or personal attacks on any individual.
7. The public comment period is not a question and answer session. Members of the public may not demand answers of members of the ARBC.
8. While there is no obligation to do so, any member of the ARBC may respond to a question posed by the public. The President has authority to take actions he deems necessary to uphold this Public Comment Policy and maintain order and decorum in the meeting.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19th day of October, 2010.

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau
Secretary

/s/ Lawrence Callender
President