

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

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

January 20, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Ben Babin, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, David Hoover, Willie George Lee, Terry Louque, Jerry Thibeau, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Brass, Russell Cornette, William “Carey” Jenkins, Larry Thomas

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston 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 6:00 p.m. by Thompson.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
3. Minutes
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the December 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the December 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Hoover to approve the December 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Presented to the Board a hard copy of the presentation given by DOTD to the CRDC Task Force.
 - Rietschier has requested a meeting with DOTD and Corps to discuss the “Communication Plan”.
 - Discussed the status of purchasing Profit Island.
 - Updated the Board on the status of expropriating the Irene Road entrance.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - Further discussed the status of purchasing Profit Island as mitigation property.
 - In regard to utility relocations, a legal process of Rules and Regulations need to be adopted.
 - Sent soil study to EBR City Parish because they are interested in purchasing the stockpiled dirt on a long term basis.
 - Did not enter into Executive Session
7. Old Business: Irene Road Expropriation: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Hoover to authorize and additional payment of \$16,000 as an administrative settlement for Tract 100E. Further, agreement to relocate the access road along the owners property line at the sole cost of the property owners, if ordered by the court.
8. New Business:
 - a. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau second by Hoover to add “Consideration of ARBC generating an Amite River Weir Letter to Ponchartrain Levee District.”
 - b. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin second by Rouchon to write a letter to PLD requesting assistance with the Amite River Weir study.
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson
Don Thompson, ARBC President
Date: February 24, 2015

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