

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

February 28, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Don Thompson, Al Bargas, John Brass, Russell Cornette, Willie George Lee, Joel Louque, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Callender.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Cornette to approve the January 17, 2012 meeting minutes, as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
 - Thompson presented to the Board the January 2012 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Cornette to approve the January 2012 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
 - Agreed to schedule quarterly Finance Committee meetings beginning in April 2012.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier reported that approximately 300 letters were mailed to people living in the mitigation area. In couple of weeks we should have an idea of how many people would be willing sellers.
 - Discussed mitigation issues regarding the present mitigation area and the possibility of expanding it. Callender stated that a minimum of 825 acres is needed to begin construction for Phase 1.
 - Received the Asbestos & Lead Sampling Report on the property located at 18845 Plank Road, Baker, La. The next step is to get estimates to demolish the structures.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel/Old Business
 - Updated the Board on current litigation matters.
 - Discussed expropriation and mitigation.
 - Currently reviewing a draft of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between ARBC and LADOTD.
 - Bankston informed the Board that an active construction site can not be leased for hunting; only certain areas may be leased. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas, second by Thibeau to authorize Bankston to prepare a draft lease for Board review and consideration of adoption at the March 20, 2012 ARBC meeting.
7. New Business:
 - Resolution 1089 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas, second by J. Louque to authorizing Lawrence Callender, President, and Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director, to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, rights-of-entry and any other instruments on behalf of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District in furtherance of the delivery of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations and disposal area improvements "LERRD's" in connection with the Comite River Diversion Project, East Baton Rouge Parish, including, but not limited to Road Easement/Servitude transfer and sales agreement related to Tract No. 479.

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- Declared April as Flood Awareness Month.
- Plans and Specs/Restoration Comite Dirt Pit Inc.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas, second by Cornette to authorize the Executive Director, Dietmar Rietschier, to engage the services of the engineering firm not to exceed \$15,000 to do a preliminary study of what it takes to do full reconstruction or rehab plan on the property and to offer their professional opinion that once the property is restored what is value of the property and provide what the estimated cost will be in accordance with specifications provided to the engineers based on Wildlife and Fisheries.

8. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

APPROVED:



/s/ Lawrence Callender

Lawrence Callender, ARBC President



/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: 3/20/12