

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

March 20, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Don Thompson, John Brass, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Larry Thomas, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Bargas, Russell Cornette, Willie George Lee, Joel Louque, Jerry Thibeau

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: Richard Rush, owner of the Comite Dirt Pit property, voiced his dissatisfaction with delays and offered his assistance in any way possible to make the situation move faster in the acquisition of his family property. ARBC President, Callender, stated that the ARBC Commission and ARBC Executive Director would do everything possible to help within the realms allowed.
3. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thompson to approve the February 28, 2012 meeting minutes, as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
 - Thompson presented to the Board the February 2012 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Brass, second by Saucier to approve the February 2012 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
 - Saucier stated that the 2 page financial statement presented is much better to view. More in regard to the financial statement format will be discussed at the upcoming Financial Committee Meeting.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier showed a map to the ARBC Commissioners demonstrating efforts toward the mitigation area. 1700 acres of mitigation property is needed. Reported that 256 letters were mailed to people living in the mitigation area. Responses were received from approximately 66 willing sellers. Further discussed a 330 acre tract of property and a 50 acre tract of property adjacent to each other that have potential for mitigation purposes.
 - Discussed the Rush property issues. Bankston stated that there is ongoing litigation with Mr. Rush and Wildlife and Fisheries. The ARBC should not take on liability for anything unless there is enough money set aside to fix the problem or cover the liability. Received on March 5, 2012 final approval of right-of-entry. Waiting on the USACE; released the appraiser and the title work is being done.
 - Rietschier held a meeting on March 15, 2012 at the Greenwood Subdivision area in regard to mitigation property. Over 100 people attended. A general introduction was made in regard to the mitigation requirements.
 - Callender stated that the trip to Washington, D.C. was very fruitful. Discussed Profit Island and thanked Mr. Furr for providing the needed information. Without getting the needed acreage construction cannot begin on Phase I.
 - Discussed right-of-entry notification.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by T. Louque to add to the agenda "Maintenance of property purchased." The Board discussed maintenance of property purchased by ARBC. May request estimates for bushhogging the property. Bankston said to explore possibilities of contracting out aspects of managing land – public service contract. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Zuelke to allow Rietschier to investigate the best way to manage the

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maintenance of all properties and report back to the Board at the next ARBC regular meeting in April 2012.

6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel/Old Business

- Out of the recent letters received, approximately 560 acres were willing sellers but with no price. About half of the acreage comes from Mouille and Rush properties. The ARBC consultants are going to mark this on a map and present it at the next ARBC meeting. ARBC will present that information to the USACE.
- Updated the Board on current litigation matters. In regard to the Campbell case, Bankston recommended proceeding with writ application to the Court of Appeals on the issue of class certification.
- The LA DOTD is currently reviewing a draft of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between ARBC and LADOTD. Discussed the CEA language. Bankston responded to questions from Board members.
- Bankston presented a draft hunting lease to the ARBC Commissioners. This will be discussed at the next ARBC regular meeting in April 2012.

7. New Business:

- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thomas to authorize sending out notices to property owners along the centerline giving right-of-entry to the USACE and its contractors per the request of the USACE.

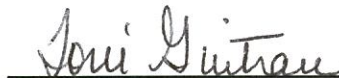
8. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thomas, second by Zuelke to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED:



/s/ Lawrence Callender

Lawrence Callender, ARBC President



/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: 4-17-12