

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

June 21, 2011

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Cornette, Joel Louque, Willie George Lee

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: None
3. Minutes
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thompson to approve the May 2011 meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
 - Thompson presented to the Board the May 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Rouchon to approve the May 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thibeau to adopt Budget 2010-2011, Amendment No. 2, as presented.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Presented the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
 - Status of backwater effect during Mississippi high-water event in relation to the CRDC
 - Update on soil stockpile – USACE was granted access to perform soil borings. Pontchartrain Levee District is interested in the stockpile for the Mississippi River Levees (MRL) Duncan Point Seepage Control, EBR Parish, La.
 - The American Construction Demolishing Company is in process of demolishing the structure at 18851 Plank Road, Zachary, Louisiana.
 - Formed a committee to discuss options for leasing of property. Committee: Al Bargas, Dale Zuelke, Jerry Thibeau and Don Thompson. This will be on the ARBC Agenda for July 19, 2011.
6. ARBC Legal Counsel Report – Old Business
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by T. Louque based upon the scoring by the selection committee, the committee recommends that Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., and its sub-consultants be selected as the consultant from the RFQ. Such selection shall be subject to mutually agreeable rates for the various component parts of the Work. Legal counsel is directed to formalize the agreement with the consultant, upon acceptable rates to be charged by the Consultant.
 - ARBC Commissioner Al Bargas exited the meeting at this time, 6:45 p.m.
 - Discussed the status of the CEA between the ARBC and LA DOTD.
 - Legislative Report: HB 423 was deferred because of additional restrictions. Letters are being drafted to send to members of the legislature that were opposing the Commissions right of expropriation

asking them to concur in this decision to move the mitigation area to another locale if so decided.
Discussed the requirement issue of trying to purchase 1700 acres of contiguous property.

- Discussed pending litigation.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Saucier to authorize Mr. Rietschier to exam the alleged operations to close or fill-in the Canary Island/Amite River area oxbow.

7. New Business:

- Approval of Rules for Acquisition of Property; submission for public advertisement and legislative oversight. Mr. Bankston will provide a draft to the Commissioners.

8. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Rouchon to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lawrence Callender
Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

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

Date: July 19, 2011