

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

**October 26, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Al Bargas, John Brass, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Jerry Thibeau, Willie George Lee, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Thompson, Russell Cornette, Joel Louque, Larry Thomas

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 Thibeau second by Lee to approve the September 20, 2011 and September 26, 2011 meeting minutes, as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
  - T. Louque presented to the Board the September 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Rouchon to approve the September 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
  - Reported on the soil stockpile; PLD may remove 175,000 CY.
  - Reported on the status of mitigation properties, environmental studies, outstanding issues with property owners etc., BC Ratio, and federal funding crisis.
  - Discussed the next CRDC phases of construction which may require approximately \$22,000,000 - 23,000,000 in federal funds according to the USACE. This would require about 300 acres.
  - Requested the appointment of members to the Finance Committee
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel/Old Business
  - Reported on the WA DC trip; met with a Senator Vitter, Tanner Johnson in Senator Landrieu's office, Congressmen Richmond, Cassidy and Alexander. In addition, the team met with a group of officials at the USACE HQ.
  - The Comite River Diversion Canal Project is not in the 'President's Budget' for 2012.. Discussed reconsideration of the BC Ratio. The project at this time does not score high enough to be included in the Presidential Budget. Prior funding has come from "earmarks." The congress has eliminated that funding method.
  - Has not yet received the CEA between the ARBC/LADOTD.
7. New Business
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Saucier to add to the agenda "Support of ALBL Resolution which expresses opposition to the modified Charleston Method".
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Thibeau to support the ALBL Resolution which expresses opposition to the modified Charleston Method, as presented.
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas seconded by Saucier to proceed with the purchase of 2 properties: Tract #s 473 & 476.

