

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

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

January 21, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Terry Louque, Ben Babin, Russell Cornette, David Hoover, William “Carey” Jenkins, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, Jerry Thibeau, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Brass, Willie George Lee, Larry Thomas

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston Parish)

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel: Larry Bankston, BKI: Matthew Weakley

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Don Thompson.
Thompson informed the Board that Executive Director Rietschier was at a meeting concerning the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project in Central, Louisiana.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the December 2013, regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the December 2013 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Louque, second by Hoover to approve the December 2013 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Item Previously Tabled for Consideration:
Request for Proposals (RFP) for Engineer-Consultants
 - Thibeau made a substitute motion, second by Babin not to put out a bid for Request for Proposals from Engineer-Consultants. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:
YEAS: Ben Babin, David Hoover, Terry Louque, Jerry Thibeau
NAYS: Don Thompson, Russell Cornette, William “Carey” Jenkins, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, Kenneth Wade Welborn
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Motion failed.
 - Rouchon made a motion, second by Cornette to put out a bid for Request for Proposals from Engineer-Consultant. Roll call vote was taken and was as follows:
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Motion Carried.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel, Larry Bankston
 - Bankston updated the Board on the status of the proposed purchase and maintenance of Profit Island.
 - Discussed status of financial credits in reference to mitigation property.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business
 - Discussed Ratification of ADV Purchase.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to grant EBROSCO a temporary construction servitude Parcel 2-2-C-1.
 - Audit Contract Status: Discussed the change in status of ARBC audit reporting as follows: As of the last audit period, ending June 30, 2013, GASB Statement 63 went into effect, changing the definition of a governmental component unit. In the past, ARBC had been considered a component unit of the State, and the Office of Statewide Reporting and Policy (OSRAP) required that an Annual Financial Report (AFR) be submitted to their office by August 31st of each year. As of the last audit period, OSRAP determined, and the Legislative Auditor agreed, that ARBC no longer met the definition of a component unit, but rather would be considered a local governmental unit. As a result of the change in status, ARBC is no longer required to submit the AFR. It is still required to have an annual audit. The existing contract with John McKowen will be allowed to continue until its expiration. The Board agreed to request estimates from auditors at that time.

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- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to add Executive Session to the agenda to discuss Campbell v. ARBC, et al litigation.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thibeau to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Campbell v. ARBC, et al litigation for no more than 15 minutes.
- The Board returned to regular session at 6:43 p.m.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Cornette to authorize Bankston & Associates, LLC to seek a settlement offer from the plaintiff in the Campbell v. ARBC, et al litigation.

9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Hoover to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson

Don Thompson, ARBC President

Date: February 18, 2014

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary