

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

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

March 18, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Terry Louque, Ben Babin, John Brass, Russell Cornette, David Hoover, William "Carey" Jenkins, Willie George Lee, Anthony "Tony" Rouchon, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston Parish)

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC 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.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the February 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the February 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Cornette to approve the February 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. RFP – Committee Report
 - Request for Qualifications: A draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document was recommended to the Board by the RFQ Committee. The intent is to receive RFQ(s) from several engineering firms that would then allow the ARBC to generate a working 'list' of engineering firms to choose from as needed per job or task. A motion to accept the amended RFQ was made by Lee, second by Rouchon. A yea and nay vote was called for and was as follows:
YEAS: Don Thompson, John Brass, Russell Cornette, William "Carey" Jenkins, Willie George Lee, Anthony "Tony" Rouchon, Larry Thomas, Kenneth Wade Welborn
NAYS: Terry Louque, Ben Babin, David Hoover, Jerry Thibeau
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
6. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier reported on the status of mitigation and Advanced Acquisition property.
 - Discussed House Bill 811 by Representative Hodges. This proposed bill would create a CRDC Task Force.
 - Discussed Senate Bill 305 by Senator Chabert. This proposed bill Provides relative to Coast Louisiana Levee Consortium. Rietschier said that this bill is to create a consortium to study flood protection along the northern coast of Lakes of Ponchartrain and Maurepas.
7. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel:
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to enter into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss Campbell v. ARBC, et al litigation for no more than 30 minutes.
 - The Board returned to regular session at 7:05 p.m.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business
 - None
10. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Rouchon to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson
Don Thompson, ARBC President
Date: April 15, 2014

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