

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

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

**May 13, 2014**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Brass, Russell Cornette, Willie George Lee

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston Parish)

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel:  
Larry Bankston, DOTD: William Delmar, BKI: Matthew Weakley

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Thompson.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
3. Minutes
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to approve the April 15, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
  - Rouchon presented to the Board the April 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Thibeau to approve the April 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
  - Announced a Public Hearing to be held on June 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. to consider for adoption Proposed Administrative Budget of 2014/15.
  - Announced a Public Meeting to be held on June 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. to consider for adoption Amended Administrative Budget of 2013/14.
5. ARBC President Thompson announced the Nominating Committee: Ben Babin, Carey Jenkins, Larry Thomas and Wade Welborn.
6. Report by Executive Director
  - Rietschier presented and explained to the Board 2 maps which illustrate properties that have been acquired and that need to be acquired from the west to the east of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
  - Discussed erosion, design changes, right-of-way, mitigation, and taking lines.
7. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Rouchon to ratify the approval of the signing of the Acts of Sale – ADV-7, ADV-8, ADV-4, ADV-14 & ADV -15.
  - Discussed mitigation efforts of seeking property in the McHugh Swamp area.
  - Discussed the McMann and Freeman properties.
  - Discussed post-trial status including withheld funds, and costs of court.
  - The Board did not enter into Executive Session.
8. Old Business: RFQ Status: A Public Notice will be posted in the Advocate on May 27, 2014, June 2, 2014 and June 9, 2014 for Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The intent is to receive RFQ(s) from several engineering/consultant firms that would then allow the ARBC to generate a working ‘list’ of engineering firms to choose from as needed per job or task.
9. New Business
  - ARBC President Thompson announced a Public Meeting to be held on June 17, 2014 at 6 p.m. – to adopt the millage rate of 2014.
10. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Don Thompson  
Don Thompson, ARBC President  
Date: June 17, 2014

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