

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

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

June 17, 2014

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: 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

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 May 13, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the May 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Thibeau to approve the May 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
 - Public Hearing on Proposed Administrative Budget 2014-15. There being no public comments, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to adopt the Administrative Budget of 2014-15, as presented.
 - The Board approved a motion by Thibeau second by Babin to adopt the Amended Administrative Budget of 2013-14, as presented.
5. Nominating Committee – Election of Officers: Thomas read the Nominating Committee Report as follows: Thompson for President, Babin for Vice President, Rouchon for Finance Chairman, Executive Secretary Guitrau (employee) for Board Secretary. No nominations were made from the floor. The Board unanimously approved a motion of election by acclamation by Rouchon second by Thibeau, on the unopposed positions of Thompson as President, Babin as Vice President, Rouchon as Finance Chairman, and Executive Secretary Guitrau (employee) as Board Secretary.
6. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier updated the Board in regard to 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 KCS RR Agreement.
 - Rietschier plans to issue a letter to the Corps to do testing at the Lilly Bayou Control Structure.
 - Discussed ADV-5– Completed.
7. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - The Board did not enter into Executive Session.
 - Discussed property needed for Phase 1 and mitigation property.
8. Old Business:
 - RFQ Status: RFQ(s) were received from engineering/consultant firms. The RFQ(s) will be reviewed for consideration to generate a working ‘list’ of engineering firms to choose from as needed per job or task.
 - Resolution 1108 – Certificate of Authorization to Expropriate – The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Babin to the correction of documents due to legal property description.
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9. New Business
 - 2014 Millage Rate: The floor was open to Public Comments. As there were no public comments, a motion was made by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve Resolution No. 1110, as presented, to adopt the millage rate of 2.52 for the tax year 2014. Results were as follows:

YEAS: Don Thompson, Terry Louque, Ben Babin, John Brass, David Hoover, William “Carey” Jenkins, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas, Kenneth Wade Welborn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Russell Cornette, Willie George Lee

ABSTAIN: None

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- Approval of the purchase of ADV-17: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Babin to purchase ADV-17 for \$355,482.50.
- Approval of the purchase of ADV-5: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thibeau to purchase ADV-5 for \$378,962 (Resolution 1111).
- ARBC/GCR Contract Amendment No. 6: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thomas second by Thibeau to approve the GCR Contract Amendment No. 6. This is a 6 month extension to the existing contract with GCR.
- ARBC/Bankston & Associates Contract Renewal: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin second by Louque to approve the renewal of the contract with Bankston & Associates for two years – July 2014-July 2016 at the rate of \$175/hour.

10. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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

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