

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

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

April 21, 2015

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willie George Lee, Terry Louque, Larry Thomas

NOTE: Vacant Seat(s) Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau,
ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

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 Hoover to approve the March 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the March 2015 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Thibeau to approve the March 2015 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier discussed the progress being made with the Floodplain Management Plan and the ARDC weir.
 - Discussed with the Board the status of the eligibility of ARBC financial credits/CRDC Project.
 - Report by DOTD: William Delmar reported that the DOTD Environmental is working on the necessary HTRW surveys for properties in McHugh Swamp. They are projected to be completed by May. DOTD Real Estate is working to close the files on ADV-10. They are still awaiting the mineral opinion. This is one that was partially worked on by GCR but finished by DOTD. Bankston said that ARBC has received indemnification from DOTD for any loss as a result of minerals because the DOTD has taken the position that it is not needed. Because of this, ARBC has not and is not planning to instruct the mineral attorney to proceed with giving an opinion. Bankston said he will check with Erin Roussell at DOTD real estate section. Delmar said that the USACE notified DOTD of receipt of the \$4 million. This is part of the 5% Non-Federal cash contribution. It will be to acquire mitigation bank credits and Highway 61 bypass road. DOTD Project Management Team has been working with Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC, to get the information needed for a DOTD Project Permit for the Highway 61 Bypass and Highway 61 Preliminary Access Connection Request. The documents will be sent to ARBC for signatures and must be sent back to DOTD for the District approval and signature. Copies of the final signed documents will be sent to ARBC. These documents are required to allow the contractors to connect the access road to Highway 61 and construct the Highway 61 bypass road.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - Bankston’s monthly status report was previously emailed to the Board of Commissioners.
 - Rush property – Bankston was notified by an attorney for one of the lien holders who is interested in getting control of the property and if so would be interested in selling if the Commission has an interest in buying it.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business:
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thibeau to extend the Lease Agreement/ADV-7 until December 31, 2015.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to grant ROE for Construction, CRDC Project, U.S. Highway 61 Bypass Road, EBR Parish, Louisiana.
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson
Don Thompson, ARBC President
Date: May 19, 2015

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