

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

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

**September 15, 2015**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony "Tony" Rouchon, 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 Hoover, second by Thibeau to approve the August 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report
  - Babin presented to the Board the August 2015 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Brass to approve the August 2015 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director - Discussed the following items:
  - USACE: Solicitation for bids was sent out for US Hwy. 61 Bypass on August 11, 2015. The lowest bid was \$1.9 million for a 7 month contract.
  - DOTD: Utility Relocations: Have not heard from AT&T. DEMCO will move poles. Awarded contract.
  - Channel Phase 1: Need additional soil borings. ROE for Piezometric readings/waiting on clarification by the USACE.
  - La. Hwy 19/ROE request
  - Real Estate: ADV-10 – 3 properties along Carney – taking lines problem.
  - Mitigation: Real Estate – Troy Furr's property, Blanchard and Barton – appraisals
  - Environmental: Barton – HTRW II
  - ARBC – Discussed need to do an estimate for Phase 1, federal and non-federal. Requested a PCT meeting. Discussed PCT vs. PDT. USACE/DOTD/ARBC. Consensus: PDT monthly, PCT as needed after PDT meetings
  - Discussed Utility Relocation Guidelines
  - Discussed Flood Plain Management Plan status.
  - Discussed 2016-17 Capital Outlay request.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel:
  - The expropriation trial is set for September 22, 2015 – Irene Road permanent servitude.
  - Bankston explained that November 1, 2015 is the deadline to file for Capital Outlay, HB 2. After explaining the process to the Board, the Board agreed it may be worthwhile for the Commission to consider making a request. Thompson requested that Bankston begin working on it.
  - Notification of Lease status – Letters were previously mailed to Bergeron and Bajoie. Bajoie is currently behind on the rent beginning with the month of July, and Bergeron's rent begins after October 1, 2015.
7. Old Business: Consideration of Professional Contract with Redshift Consulting – Computer IT. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Hoover to approve said contract.
8. New Business: None
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Hoover to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Don Thompson  
Don Thompson, ARBC President  
Date: October 20, 2015

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