

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

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

**January 19, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Ben Babin, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, John Brass, David Hoover,  
Willie George Lee, Terry Louque, Larry Thomas, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: William “Carey” Jenkins, Jerry Thibeau

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. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
4. Minutes  
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the December 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.
5. Financial Statement Report  
Rouchon presented to the Board the December 2015 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Lee to approve the December 2015 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
6. Report by Executive Director - Discussed the following items:
  - CRDC: Discussed the following:
    1. Dennis Passman of Stantec presented the preliminary finding of all the utilities that need to be relocated for the construction of the two bridges to be along US Hwy. 61 at the future crossing of the Canal. Next step will be to determine a cost estimate for these utility relocations.
    2. Discussed the CPRA Comprehensive Plan, specifically fresh water diversion project in the lower Amite River Basin. Project PO0142- Hydrologic Restoration of the Amite Diversion Canal.
    3. Rietschier discussed the findings of a Hydraulic Modeling and Design report for the Comite River Diversion Canal Project (June 2011) prepared by Arcadis. Rietschier requested that ARBC send a letter to the USACE requesting that the USACE follow-up to address the issues stated in the findings.
    4. DOTD Report: DOTD Real Estate is finishing up with a few properties in McHugh Swamp. DOTD will shift focus to the partial parcels in Functional Element I to complete the needed Right-of-Way for construction. DOTD is currently awaiting the Utility Permitting procedure and form from ARBC. These items are necessary to include in the Relocation packet that is sent to the Utility Companies. This shows the serious intent to have them relocate for the construction of the project.
7. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel:
  - Utility Permitting Procedures: Bankston is currently working with Rietschier, EBR Parish Tom Stevens, and EBR Parish attorneys to discuss specific permitting procedures.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Rouchon to approve the proposed Taxing Recovery Agreement (EBRP), as presented. This agreement will be with various taxing entities, EBR Parish Assessor, EBR Parish Sheriff/Tax Collector and the undersigned Local Governing Boards of the Taxing Authorities of EBR Parish. The Assessor and Sheriff/Tax Collector will contract with Tax Management Associates, Inc “TMA” for audit services to identify properties with undeserved Personal Exemptions for the purpose of collecting taxes due on those properties which funds would otherwise be unavailable to the Taxing Authorities. TMA will receive 30%, ARBC, the taxing authority, would receive 60%, with 10% going to the assessor and/or sheriff.
  - Act of Sale – Tract No. 44 – The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Babin to approve Resolution 1121, as presented.
10. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thomas to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Don Thompson  
Don Thompson, ARBC President  
Date: February 16, 2016

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