

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

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

September 16, 2014

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony “Tony” Rouchon

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/Matt 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 Cornette, second by Welborn to approve the August 19, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Babin presented to the Board the August 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Cornette to approve the August 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Discussed the problems with the Amite River Weir, and channel. Rietschier noted that this project could possibly be added to the project list with the CPRA’s Restore Act. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Brass, second by Hoover to fund a study of the Amite River Weir and channel in the amount of \$25,000-\$50,000.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - Bankston informed and invited the Board of the upcoming 9/29/14 Task Force Meeting.
7. Old Business:
 - Borrow and Fill Material Bid Document: The Board unanimously agreed on motion by Hoover second by Brass to advertise/public notice the Bid Package, as presented, for the sale of Borrow and Fill Material.
 - Profit Island: The Board unanimously agreed on motion by Cornette, second by Thomas for Bankston to proceed with said petition, as presented, for the potential amicable expropriation of Profit Island. ARBC has Quicktake authority so once ARBC files and \$3.3 million is deposited into the court, Profit Island becomes ARBC property. They met with Nature Conservancy to discuss issues of the ‘real cost’ of implementing a mitigation plan of yearly cost. Bankston also contacted Wildlife and Fisheries to act as the manager of the property in the future.
 - DOTD Payment: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau second by Thomas to approve the ADV-1 payment in the amount of \$727,740 payable to LADOTD for ARBC’s ½ of the costs related to this purchase.
8. New Business
 - ARBC/DOTD CEA: Discussed an Alternate Proposed 3rd Amended CEA, as prepared by Bankston. At an Executive Meeting, it was agreed that ARBC needs to remain part of the process in order to honor its responsibility to the taxpayers. The Board approved a motion by Wellborn second by Brass to submit the alternate proposed 3rd Amended CEA to the DOTD for consideration, as presented.
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NAYS: Jerry Thibeau
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9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Thibeau to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson

Don Thompson, ARBC President

Date: September 16, 2014

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary