

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

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 120, Baton Rouge, LA

May 21, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Ben Babin, Jerry Thibeau, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Willie George Lee, Edwin Parker, Larry Thomas, Don Thompson, Kenneth "Wade" Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Little, Matt Milazzo, Tamiara Wade

Vacancy: East Feliciana 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 Babin.
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
4. Minutes

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Lee to approve the April 2019 regular meeting minutes.

5. Financial Statement Report

- Hoover presented to the Board the April 2019 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Thompson to approve the April 2019 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
- Amendment #1 - Administrative Budget of 2018/19. There were no comments. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thomas to adopt Amendment #1 - Administrative Budget of 2018/19, as presented.
- Public Hearing – Proposed Administrative Budget of 2019/20. The floor was open to Public Comments. As there were no public comments the floor was closed to public comments. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Parker, second by Lee to adopt the Administrative Budget of 2019/20, as presented.

6. Executive Director Report

• CRDC

- Consideration of Floodplain Management Plan – Phase 1. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Bailey for the following six (6) contracts, total of which not to exceed \$250,000 for Phase 1 to prepare a High-Fidelity Inundation Map as follows: CSRS Inc, GEC, Inc., Robert Jacobsen, P.E., LLC, Sigma Consulting Group, Inc., Keim Consulting, LLC., and Clinton S. Willson, P.E., PhD. The total project including Phases 1 – 4 will cost approximately \$500,000.

Robert "Bob" Jacobsen provided said tasks as follows: Project Objectives - Develop an Online High-Fidelity Inundation Map for the August 2016 Flood, per the recommendation of our August 2016 Flood Preliminary Report. 1. Encompass all of Louisiana Amite River Basin, including Blind River Basin/St. James Parish. 2. Demonstrate very high quality of flood analysis throughout all parts of the Louisiana Amite River Basin— very high spatial resolution and accuracy—to the neighborhood level; strive for parcel level. 3. Assure broad credibility and support throughout the full ARB for a. Use of map in local floodplain planning, management, and possibly regulation. b. Moreover, use of modeling in making reasonable/fair evaluations of flood mitigation alternatives 4. Publish online flood inundation map using common desktop/laptop/smartphone computer tools (e.g., ArcGIS Online link; Google Earth KMZ, etc.), viewable in either elevation (feet NAVD88) or depth (feet above ground). Project Phases Phase 1 Review input for Dewberry/HNTB/Other HEC-HMS/RAS Models, and refine as needed consistent with high resolution model. Task 1. Adjust Gridded Rainfall (Barry Keim), Task 2. Assess Peak Profiles (Bob Jacobsen), Task 3. GIS Review/Refinement (Sigma/CSRS/GEC/Bob Jacobsen), Task 4. Hydrologic Model Input Review/Refinement (GEC), Task 5. Hydraulic Model Input Review/Refinement (GEC/CSRS/Bob Jacobsen), Task 6. Phase 1 Summary Report (Bob Jacobsen/Clint Willson), Task 7. Meetings (All) Task 8. Coordination (Bob Jacobsen), Phase 2 Perform Model Sensitivity/Calibration Tests Evaluate/Finalize Model Set-up and Simulate August 2016 Flood Oct 31, 2019, Phase 3 Produce/Publish Online High-Fidelity Inundation Map (DRAFT) Dec 31, 2019, no new field surveys are included during Phases 1-3., Phase 4 Review Public Feedback on Map Plan/Perform Tasks to Further

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Refine/Finalize Map. Phase 4 effort will investigate discrepancies, possibly acquire more HWMs and other evidence, to further improve the model(s) and the Inundation Map, June 31, 2020, Other Phases TBD; e.g., evaluate Return Period for August 2016 Flood 2020

- LADOTD Report by William Delmar: DOTD Real Estate is working with USACE Real Estate on land acquisition related activities. EnLink is currently relocating on the west side of US61. Entergy is planned to begin mobilization onto the site in mid-June. Relocation activities will continue in the US61 vicinity through the end of 2019. The LA964 design contract has received the notice to proceed, and plans are to select the CMAR (construction management at risk) consultant for LA19 and LA67 within the next 2 weeks. Currently DOTD is working on the CE&I (construction engineering and inspection) contract and plans to advertise by the end of the month or beginning of June.
- Rietschier said that a proposed modified CEA is still being discussed with LADOTD. They met with LADOTD recently with an alternate proposal. Concerns are the lands owned by ARBC and the recently contributed \$10 million by ARBC.

7. ARBC Legal Counsel:

- Bankston explained that the initial proposed modified CEA was asking ARBC to transfer all property to LADOTD. Second, it was basically not involving ARBC as a partner in the future. LADOTD's plan was to expropriate all the property from now on in their name. One of the concerns was of LADOTD not being able to get access onto the property owned by ARBC. ARBC has given LADOTD a right-of-entry to all the property owned by ARBC so that should eliminate the need for transferring of property to them. There is a 2002 agreement between ARBC, EBR Parish and LADOTD in which all three parties agreed that ARBC would acquire all property in its name until the end of the project at which time it will be transferred to EBR Parish. This agreement is in effect until the project is over. ARBC is requesting that any property expropriated by LADOTD be put in the name of ARBC. This was request was presented in a meeting to Shawn Wilson, Chris Knotts and Pat Landry. Initially, ARBC was told that everything that took place before this signing of the amended PCA in February 2019 was under the old rules; everything after the signing of the PCA in February 2019 is fully funded. So, the \$10 million contributed by the ARBC was under the old rules. However, at the meeting, Chris Knotts said that the \$10 million contributed by ARBC will be returned to ARBC. Those funds can only be used for the CRDC Project. One potential use of the funds would be for the maintenance of the project as we go forward. This would be of help to EBR Parish. ARBC is waiting on a response from LADOTD.
- Hunting Leases: No action has been taken on this as of yet. ARBC notified all seven hunting leasees to remind them there is a 90-day cancellation clause that may be acted upon if construction for the canal needs to be done on the leases. If it is terminated before the end of the lease, there would be a refund for X number of months they were there. ARBC wrote to LADOTD reminding them that ARBC needs to give leasees a 90-day written notice should the leases need to be cancelled because of construction for the CRDC Project. It was stressed in the letter that it is beneficial to ARBC and LADOTD that these properties remain leased until needed for construction.

8. Old Business – None

9. New Business

10. The Board adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Ben Babin, ARBC President

Date: August 20, 2019

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary