

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

**December 13, 2011**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Don Thompson, Al Bargas, John Brass, Russell Cornette, Joel Louque, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Jerry Thibeau, Dale Zuelke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Willie George Lee, Larry Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director  
Toni Guitrau, Executive Secretary  
Larry Bankston, Attorney

Note: Joel Louque entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Callender.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None
3. Minutes  
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Thibeau to approve the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes, as presented.

Note: Joel Louque entered the meeting at this time, 6:08 p.m..

4. Financial Statement Report
  - Thompson presented to the Board the November 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by T. Louque, second by Cornette to approve the November 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
  - Discussed and agreed to schedule quarterly Finance Committee meetings.
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thompson, second by Thibeau to approve the overhead rate of 1.34% as recommended by the ARBC Finance Committee.
5. Report by Executive Director
  - Rietschier presented an annual report of the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project as follows:
    - The Lilly Bayou Control Structure is completed; being designed by the USACE are the La. Hwy 67 Bridge, US Hwy. 61 Bridge, KCS RR Bridge and the section of channel under the bridges.
    - The USACE is to complete the design of said bridges, and Brooks Lake Structure, Baton Rouge Drop Structure; construction of Brooks Lake Closure, KCS RR & US Hwy. 61 Bridges, Canal Section Phase I, and Bayou Baton Rouge Drop Structures.
    - The LADOTD/ARBC are to survey centerline and base line of channel, acquire properties (Phase 1 & Mitigation Structure/utility relocations), and do relocations along channel alignment and purchase necessary mitigation lands. Discussed the possibility of purchasing Profit Island – approximately 2400 acres of bottom land hardwoods for mitigation purposes.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel/Old Business
  - Bankston updated the Board on the status of litigation matters.
  - Discussed status of BC Ratio being re-evaluated for the Comite River Diversion Canal Project.
  - The CEA between the ARBC/LADOTD is pending.

- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by J. Louque to add to the agenda an item to authorize Bankston to prepare a letter to the USACE for the ARBC President to sign making a formal request to move the mitigation area so Profit Island may be considered.
- The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Saucier to authorize Bankston to prepare a letter to the USACE for the ARBC President to sign making a formal request to move the mitigation area so Profit Island may be considered.
- Rules for expropriation go before LADOTD on January 23, 2012.
- Lilly Bayou Area: Bankston will address the issue of procedures for cease and desist legal notification in reference to hunters on the property. This will be further discussed at the next regular ARBC meeting in January 2012.

7. New Business: None

8. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by J. Louque to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Lawrence Callender  
Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

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

Date: January 17, 2012