

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

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

July 15, 2014

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Cornette, Jerry Thibeau

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

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 Babin, second by Hoover to approve the June 17, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
 - Rouchon presented to the Board the June 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Hoover to approve the June 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
 - Rietschier updated the Board in regard to the status of property acquisitions along the Comite River Diversion Canal right-of-way and land acquisitions for mitigation.
 - RFQ Status – Review of RFQ applicants: This will be discussed at the next regular meeting.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
 - The Board did not enter into Executive Session.
 - The Board agreed for Bankston to look into (research further) the possibility of filing expropriation, deposit in the registry of the court, then a judge determine value after a trial on the merits. Owners of Profit Island would have to approve this process. During the Quicktake process ARBC would be the owners, there would be a trial, testimony, etc. Expropriation could be filed within a week.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business
 - Approving payment of ½ of acquisition costs for ADV-1 to DOTD: There was no action taken at this time.
 - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon second by Lee to adopt Resolution 1112, as follows: A Resolution authorizing Don Thompson, President, or Dietmar Rietschier, Executive Director, to execute the Act of Sale for the purchase of the land designated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as Advance Acquisition Parcel No. ADV-17, for the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED, EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS AND 50/100 (\$353,482.50) DOLLARS, from Madison Howard Romaine, Lisa Romaine Jones, Robert Craig Romaine, Christopher Martel Romaine, Nancy Romaine Tooraen, Linda Carmena Devall, Jesse Frank, Devall, Jr., Audrey Lynn Devall Devalcourt, and Sharon Denise Devall Hawes, and to sign any and all documents agreement, permits, rights-of entry and any other instruments on behalf of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District in furtherance of the purchase of Parcel No. ADV-17, as more fully described in the Act of Sale in connection with the Comite River Diversion Project, East Baton Rouge Parish.
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Don Thompson
Don Thompson, ARBC President
Date: August 19, 2014

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