

November 17, 2025

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: John Clark, Jack Harris, Lionel Bailey, Clint Cointment, Randy Delatte, Brin Ferlito, Ryan Larousse, Fred Raiford, Roy Schmidt, III

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT DURING ROLL CALL: ARBC Commissioner Roderick Matthews, St. Helena Parish Designee, entered the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

VACANCIES: 3

ALSO PRESENT: Larry Marino, Oats & Marino; Randy Clouatre, Sr., PLD; ARBC Executive Director Paul Sawyer; ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau; ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston, Bankston & Associates

ALSO ABSENT: CPRA, LADOTD

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by ARBC President Clark.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: See above.

4. Minutes. There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Raiford, seconded by Cointment to approve October 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes, as presented.

5. Financial Statements. There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cointment, seconded by Bailey, to approve the September and October 2025 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements, as presented.

6. Report by Executive Director. There were no public comments.

- IGA Revised– Bayou Manchac Project. Sawyer stated the IGA for the Bayou Manchac Project that included Ascension, EBR and Iberville Parishes has been revised to include the City of St. George. It is believed that the result of this revised IGA will expedite ongoing efforts with the Bayou Manchac Project. This is the \$30 million Louisiana Watershed Initiative project led by EBR Parish.
- Upper Amite Restoration Project. Sawyer stated with respect to the Upper Amite Restoration Project, due diligence continues. Appraisals and title research are underway and will be reported soon.
- Congress recently approved the first ever congressionally directed funding for the ARBC when Congresswoman Julia Letlow secured \$2 million for the Upper Amite River restoration, which will reduce flood risk in the Amite River Basin.
- Louisiana Watershed Initiative Region 9. A summary report of projects that are taking place inside Region 9 was provided to board members. More than \$28 million of \$363 million has been spent in the seven parishes of Region 9. Since October 14, 2025, \$2.1 million has been drawn down by applicants. This report will be included on the ARBC website.
- LWI RCBG Grant. As mentioned at the last ARBC meeting, a one-year extension was granted. Sawyer is currently working with Garvin Pittman, the Water Institute of the Gulf, to develop a plan and Scope of Work. Pittman was not able to attend today’s meeting. Sawyer and Pittman will meet with the Office of Community Development to make sure that these ideas are aligned with the goals they had expressed to ARBC when the deadline was extended.
- Comite River Diversion Canal Project. Larry Marino stated that gas is now flowing through the Florida Gas main relocation. Work is still being done on Brooks Lake. They don’t know where the relocation will be, but progress is being made. Monthly Report: 85 out of original 89 required parcels acquired with 4 additional parcels required for Brook Lake under appraisals. There are currently additional parcels required for C&S three bayous. 49 of 63 relocations are complete. The remaining utilities are under various stages of relocation.

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USACE is currently analyzing whether additional relocations are needed for C&S three bayous. LA 964- 99.4% complete. LA 67 is 99.9% complete, LA 19 is 11.6% complete.

7. Report by Legal Counsel. There were no public comments.

- Bankston stated he has been working with Sawyer to make sure that what is being submitted to LWI is consistent with the rules and regulations required under that program.
- Upper Amite Flood Reduction and Restoration Project-Property Acquisition. Bankston is working with Sawyer as this project moves along.

8. Old Business. There were no public comments.

- Old Business agenda items were addressed under Executive Director’s Report.

9. New Business. There were no public comments.

- Resolution 1196-OCD-LWI/CEA. This resolution is designed to validate and reinforce the four contracts that are set with Ascension, Livingston, EBR, and St. James Parishes. These are the four transformational projects that were originally cataloged under ARBC and that were subsequently suballocated to the four parishes so that the projects could be delivered more efficiently. This is paperwork required by federal rules in the Office of Community Development to cancel the original CEA with ARBC, since there are now CEAs with the four parishes for said suballocated projects.

10. Public Comments and/or ARBC Board Members discussion on General or Non-Agenda Items. The next monthly ARBC meeting will be on January 13, 2026 at 10 am.

11. The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

APPROVED:

/s/John Clark/ARBC President
Date: January 13, 2026

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary