

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

February 15, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lawrence Callender, Terry Louque, Don Thompson, Alvin Bargas, John Brass, Willie George Lee, Joel Louque, Anthony Rouchon, Randolph Saucier, Larry Thomas, Dale Zuelke

NOTE: John Brass entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russell Cornette, Jerry Thibeau

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

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 Thompson to approve the January 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

4. Financial Statement Report

T. Louque presented to the Board the January 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by J. Louque, second by Lee to approve the January 2011 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.

5. Report by Executive Director

- Presented the status of the Comite River Diversion Canal Project including update on the right-of-way acquisitions.
- The building at 18851 Plank Road, which ARBC acquired as part of the right-of-way needed for the La. Hwy. 67 Bridge, was vandalized. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Bargas second by J. Louque to authorize advertising for bids to demolish the building.
- ARBC made a final payment of \$530,450.00 on the Certificates of Indebtedness. Mr. Rietschier reminded new Board members that \$3.6 million proceeds from the sale of the Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2003, were sent to the U.S. Corps of Engineers in January 2004 in order to commence construction of the Lilly Bayou Control Structure. Without the ARBC cash infusion the project would have stopped when funding ran short in 2003.

6. ARBC Legal Counsel Report

- Since land acquisition for right-of-way and mitigation will be transferred from the USACE to the LA DOTD and ARBC, Mr. Bankston will draft a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the LA DOTD and ARBC to outline the responsibilities of each agency.

- The LA DOTD and ARBC will be preparing Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) to be advertised locally. All returned RFQ's will be scored and selected by a panel consisting of LA DOTD and ARBC personnel.
- Discussed insurance on properties acquired, conservation easements, and wetland mitigation.

7. Old Business

- Discussed ongoing litigation.

8. New Business

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thomas, second by T. Louque to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

/s/ Lawrence Callender, ARBC President

/s/ Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary

Date: 3/15/11