

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
6 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
7 **MANY, LA**

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10 **1:00PM THURSDAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2010**

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13 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Larry Kelly, Chairman**
14 **Mr. Stephen Racca, Vice-Chairman**
15 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Secretary**
16 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
17 **Mr. C. A. Burgess**
18 **Mr. Robert Conyer**
19 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
20 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
21 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
22 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**
23 **Mr. Bobby Williams**

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26 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**

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29 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Carl Chance, IT Mgmt Consult-SRA, Many, LA**
32 **Kathy Ebarb, Acct Spec 2-SRA, Many, LA**
33 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
34 **Barton Rumsey, Deputy Dir-SRA, Many, LA**
35 **Daniel Jones, Fac Maint Mgr 1-SRA, Many, LA**
36 **There were eleven visitors.**

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39 Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Kelly
40 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Vidrine was
41 absent; however, a quorum was established.

42 Mr. Kelly stated that he would like to propose an addition to the agenda. He
43 stated that under New Business, Item #4-Approve a resolution supporting the sale of
44 Valley Electric to Swepco and authorize the Executive Director to cast the vote on behalf
45 of the Sabine River Authority. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to**
46 **adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

47 Mr. Kelly stated that the minutes of the December 17th, 2009 meeting had been
48 circulated within the Board packet. He asked if there were any corrections. Hearing
49 none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written and circulated. **Mr.**

1 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the December**
2 **17th, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

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4 GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Pratt asked Carl Chance to introduce the guest speakers
5 from Forest Oil Corporation. Mr. Chance stated that in the previous weeks, there was an
6 incident with a drilling rig located off of Highway 191 near Noble, Louisiana. He stated
7 that Mr. Ned Higgins, along with Mr. Cecil Colwell and Mr. Paul Grisesediful would
8 explain to the Board and the public precisely what took place. Mr. Higgins presented
9 those present with a packet of information. Mr. Colwell stated that 45 people were
10 displaced from their homes due to the well “sinking” approximately 6 ½ inches. He
11 continued that part of the structural pipe had “buckled” and more equipment was brought
12 in to prevent any other problems. He stated that there was no release of any gas in the
13 area and the evacuation was done as a safety precaution for the local residents. Mr. Kelly
14 thanked the gentlemen for coming to the meeting and providing the information.

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16 STAFF REPORTS: #1-TBPJO: Mr. Rumsey stated that the operating report was
17 circulated within the board packet. He stated that both units ran basically the entire
18 months of November, December, and even into January. He stated that after the repair
19 work was completed, both units ran until there was an outage on one unit due to low
20 demand. He continued that the oil leak was believed to be a seal or gasket. He stated
21 that staff is proposing to run both units until the end of the month when the lake level
22 would be just below 168.5. He stated that the unit would go down on February 2nd for
23 repairs for approximately 3-6 weeks depending on the needed repairs. Discussion was
24 held whether to consider following the Generation Guide regardless of the “down” time
25 of the units. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to allow the Executive**
26 **Director and Project Engineer to use their discretion using the Generation**
27 **Guidelines to determine whether or not to generate power. Mr. Cupit withdrew his**
28 **motion.**

29 #2-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Chance presented each member present with a draft
30 copy of the Mitigation Plan. He stated that the Downstream and Water Quality Fishery
31 sampling done in December showed that between the five sites 10,353 fish were caught

1 and added seven species of fish for a total of 68species caught in the downstream
2 sampling. He stated that Recreation Study Group came over and started their surveys for
3 the recreation study and will return several more times. He stated that the Cultural Study
4 group is to submit the contractor's analysis to the group on February 5th and a meeting
5 would be held during the week of February 15th to review Phase I of the plan and if
6 approved, work would begin February 22nd. He stated that the Aquatic Work Group is to
7 meet on February 10th to see the results and to plan a spring sampling event. He stated
8 that the Terrestrial work group will meet on February 12th to get results of their work thus
9 far. He stated that the Hazzard Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the Governor's
10 office to review and if there are no changes, it will be submitted to FEMA from the
11 Governor's office.

12 #3-Operational Report: Mr. Carr stated that the Cypress Bend Park Event
13 Pavilion has been held up due to weather; however the footing has been poured. He
14 stated that time wise, staff hopes to have the concrete work and the building done by
15 March. He stated that the building is on the ground and it is felt that instead of doing the
16 project in two parts, staff anticipates doing the entire 6,000 square footage at one time
17 possibly even under budget. He stated that Cabin #8 should be completed and ready for
18 rental the end of February. He stated that this year, Crappie USA is handling the Crappie
19 Tournament in March. He stated that the Toledo Bend Lake Signage Program is in
20 progress and thanks to the Lake Association for the funding. He stated that a little over
21 ten thousand buoys are in place and it is now a maintenance project. He stated that at the
22 diversion canal, a conductivity testing was performed to test the saltwater encroachment.
23 He stated that new policy is in place concerning storms in that area which states that
24 Pump Station #1 will be shut down. He stated that the Cypress Bend Jetty project is
25 complete and under budget thanks to Mr. Pratt's help allowing SRA to have the "rip-rap"
26 from their highway projects. He stated that topsoil needs to be added and some seed so it
27 looks nice and can be mowed. He stated that the Toledo Bend Lake Association was
28 wanting to put some pilings in the Lanan Bridge Area for fishermen to anchor to while
29 fishing and staff prepared an estimated pricelist for the job which has been submitted to
30 the Association for review as to whether or not they want to fund such a project. He
31 stated that no word has been received concerning that project. He stated that no dredging

1 is being done at the diversion canal at this time due to high water. **Mr. Burgess moved,**
2 **seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve all Staff Reports as presented and circulated.**

3 **Motion carried unanimously.**

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

5 OLD BUSINESS: None.

6 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve Nov '09-Dec '09 Financial Report: Mrs.

7 Ferguson stated that report was circulated within the board packet and if there were any

8 questions she would answer them. Hearing none, Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to

9 approve the Financial Reports for November and December '09 as circulated. **Mr.**

10 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Racca to approve the November '09 and**

11 **December '09 Financial Reports for the Toledo Bend Operations and the Diversion**

12 **Canal Operations as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 Item #2- Approve Computer Stations for SRA and SRD: Mr. Chance stated that a

14 proposal had been circulated within the board packet. He asked if there were any

15 questions. Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the computer stations

16 for SRA and SRD as presented. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**

17 **approve the purchase proposal for computer workstations for SRA and SRD as**

18 **circulated and presented with the approximate cost of \$15,828.00. Motion carried**

19 **unanimously.**

20 Item #3-Approve purchase of utility vehicle for SRD: Mr. Carr stated that the

21 SRD staff needed a utility vehicle to run levee inspections. He stated that staff would

22 like to purchase a Kubota ATV at the cost of \$11,464.48. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded**

23 **by Mr. Burgess to approve the purchase of a utility vehicle for SRD in the amount**

24 **of \$11,464.48. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 Item #4-Adopt a resolution in support of the sale of Valley Electric to Swepco and

26 authorize the Executive Director to cast the vote on behalf of the Board. **Mr. Racca**

27 **moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adopt the resolution in support of the sale of**

28 **Valley Electric to Swepco and to authorize the Executive Director to cast the vote on**

29 **behalf of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.**

30 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Racca stated that the

31 committee had met January 19th at Sulphur. He stated bids had been received for the

1 siphon repairs projects. He stated that Boh Bros Construction Company, LLC had the
2 low bid of \$1,436,550.00 with Reynolds Inliner, LLC had a bid of \$2,889,750.00. **Mr.**
3 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to accept the low bid of \$1,436,550.00 from**
4 **Boh Bros Construction, LLC and to award the contract and authorize the Executive**
5 **Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

6 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated no meeting.

7 Item #3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Conyer stated that the committee
8 had not met. Mr. Pratt stated that the Attorney General's opinion has been received and
9 each member present received a copy of the report.

10 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.
11 Williams stated no meeting.

12 #2-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Cupit stated no meeting.

13 #3-Water Sales: Mr. Pratt stated on Mr. Vidrine's behalf no meeting.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that on February 2nd,
15 Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle would be presenting Ebarb
16 Water District with a check for \$250,000 to enhance their water system at the Sabine
17 Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission Office in Many which he would be attending
18 and on February 3rd, he would be attending the Groundwater Resources Commission
19 meeting in Shreveport at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum. He continued that Mr.
20 Kelly and he would make a presentation to the Leesville Lions Club. Mr. Pratt stated that
21 the Development and Parks Committee needed to meet so a date of February 11th, 2010 at
22 3:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office was selected to discuss a request of the Bureau of
23 Outdoor Recreation and a letter of objection due to the placement of pilings at Lanan
24 Bridge area. (See attachments.)

25 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the Attorney General's Opinion
26 concerning the Leaseback Violations Agreement has been received. He continued that
27 this is affirmative as believed. (Copy presented.) He suggested setting up a meeting time
28 of the Committee of the Leaseback & Cutting/Marking Committee to discuss the AG's
29 Opinion.

30 Mr. Kelly stated that the next meeting would be February 25th, 2010 at Pendleton
31 Bridge Office at 1:00pm.

1 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
2 **Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
3 **Meeting adjourned at 3:08pm.**

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LARRY KELLY, CHAIRMAN

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