

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CYPRESS BEND RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER
2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY
MANY, LA 71449
10:30AM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mr. Frank Davis
Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.
Mr. Byron Gibbs
Mr. Jerry Holmes
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Bobby Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Stanley Vidrine

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA
Daniel Jones, Fac Maint Asst Mgr 1-SRA, Many, LA

There were thirteen (13) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit and Mr. Vidrine were absent; however a quorum was established.

Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda s circulated. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 16th2013 Board meeting as circulated. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 16th 2013 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux introduced the new general manager of Cypress Bend Resort and Conference Center –Mr. Tom Harwell. Mr. Harwell stated that he was excited to be back at Cypress Bend and welcomed the Board to the facility. He stated that he had served as

a consultant to the facility several years prior so he was familiar with the setup and the partnership between SRA and ALH, No.5.

STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 168.26' msl. He stated the level did drop to below 168.0' msl a couple days, but currently due to the rain and inflow from the north, the level is staying around 168.0' msl. He stated that the engineer hired to fill the position had become ill and had declined the position. He stated that the job would have to be posted and hopefully someone would be interested enough to apply. He stated that the outage due to maintenance repairs on the generators in fall had been completed without any safety issues and under budget. He continued that bids had been awarded to Glassco to work on four more gates. He stated that previous staff was considering amending the power sales agreement during the request from Entergy entering into an agreement with Miso and our main concern being the calculation of replacement power. He stated that was resolved with the project having an option to evaluate the index in the event of the need to purchase replacement power. Mr. Pratt asked Mr. Bobby Williams to introduce his guest who had arrived. Mr. Williams stated that Mr. Clyde Holloway of Public Service Commission and his assistant Ms. Karen Haymon. Mr. Holloway thanked the Board for the invitation to attend the meeting. He stated that he was fully aware of Miso and Entergy agreement in the making. He stated that the biggest issue is Entergy selling their transmission system to Miso. He stated that a new plan is being developed to prevent our electrical rates increasing in the near future. He stated that Louisiana has the fourth lowest rates in the nation.

Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Pratt stated that Carl was attending a DEQ Water Certification Workshop in Baton Rouge. He stated that no new news to report just waiting to hear from FERC concerning the Environmental Impact Study and the license status.

Item #3-Operational: a) Toledo Bend-Mr. Jones stated that staff has been up at Park Site #2 Oak Ridge working to complete the event pavilions, to install sewer access for the eight waterfront RV pads, helping DeSoto Parish Police Jury with the blacktopping process and the contractor will start the RV renovation on the twenty-eight (28) pads after the first of the year. He stated that with weather permitting and the

change of scope, to build a fishing pier on the dredged levee will be the next area which is currently too wet and the building of a couple small picnic pavilions will complete that project. He stated that staff visited Pleasure Point checking areas that need to be updated for instance the office area. He stated that staff has prepared a list of items needed; however a request for bids has not been done because staff would like to complete Oak Ridge Park before starting at Pleasure Point Park. Mr. Pratt interjected that staff is preparing a request for a prescribed burn to help with cleanup some of the areas within the park. Mr. Jones stated that also included in the control burn request is Park Site 7A and Park Site 11. b) Mr. Pratt stated that the Capital Projects at the Diversion Canal were moving along. He stated that staff had continued to work on documentation with Sasol concerning instillation of an alternate pump station. He stated that once Sasol completed their review, the document would be reviewed by SRA legal counsel and once the final document was complete, it would be brought before the Board for approval.

Item#4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were included within the Board packet. She stated that the September revenue for Toledo Bend Division was \$246,356.45; expenditures were \$1,279,659.74 showing a loss of \$1,033,303.29. She stated that revenue for Diversion Canal Division was \$400,098.82; expenditures were \$279,311.00 showing a profit of \$120,787.82. She continued revenues for Toledo Bend Division for October were \$476,684.99; expenditures of \$399,185.22 showing a profit of \$77,499.77. She stated that revenues for Diversion Canal Division were \$453,898.09; expenditures of \$165,790.14 showing a profit of \$288,107.95. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Goodeaux asked that Mr. Pratt and all supervisors express to all employees that the Board appreciates all the hard work each and everyone performs and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments. .

Item #1-Approve the By-laws Revision. Mrs. Ferguson stated that Mrs. Anderson had made the initial changes to the by-laws and would explain. Mrs. Anderson stated that on Page 5, Section #3 that the bold printed paragraph had to be moved to Section #4 and the verbiage in Section #4 moved up to Section #3 and some grammatical changes were made to read clearer. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to**

table the approval of the By-laws until the next meeting allowing Staff to “clean-up” the other suggested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

Item #1- Approve Property Control Policy- Mrs. Ferguson stated that a copy of the proposed policy had been included in the Board packet. She stated that the policy included a computerized auction for disposing of surplus property. She asked if there were any additions or deletions to discuss. Mr. Davis stated that he had several suggested revisions especially the statement that included “water sales”. He gave his copy to staff for review. **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to table approving this policy until staff can review suggested revisions and bring back to the Board for approval at the January meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Item #2- Approve ALH, No.5 Bi-Annual Audit (01-01-13 thru 06-30-13) Mrs. Ferguson stated that a copy of the audit report was included in the Board packet. She stated that the one finding was the calculation of rent was correct; however ALH, No.5 was late in making the monthly payments and in fact had several months unpaid at the time of the audit. She stated that the rent payments had been received since the time of the audit. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the ALH, No.5 Bi-Annual Audit (01-01 thru 06-30-13) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting
- 2) Development & Parks: No meeting.
- 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: No meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Finance & Personnel: No meeting.
- 2) Water Sales: No meeting.
- 3) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

Mr. Bobby Williams stated that the Sabine River Compact had met in October and he would like to report that the water quality of the lake is in good condition.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he had attended a meeting of the State Water Commission in Baton Rouge. He stated that some progress has been made. He stated that he would like to let everyone know that Mrs. Phyllis George is retiring after twenty-five years with SRA. He stated with the holiday season coming the employee will be working each except for the actual holidays that the Governor has granted which are Tuesday and Wednesday of both weeks. He stated that employees who have annual leave are encouraged to take advantage of taking off for the holidays. He stated that there would be staff to cover all areas. He stated that if anyone needed to contact him, he could be reached with his cellphone. Mr. Williams asked about the treatment of the Giant Salvinia. He stated that thus far, LA WLF had treated approximately 8,000 acres. He stated that there are currently contractors spraying areas. Mrs. Anderson explained that the Tourist Center had been taken calls or complaints about the salvinia on a form provided by LA WLF and these are email to Sean Kinney, biologist with WLF who is overseeing the spraying efforts at this time. He stated that what the future looks like as far as controlling this vegetation. **Mr. Holmes moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

LEGAL REPORT: None.

Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be January 23rd, 2014 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.**

NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

THERMAN NASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY