

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 71449
8 1:00PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2013
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10 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
11 Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman
12 Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary
13 Mr. Norman Arbuckle
14 Mr. C.A. Burgess
15 Mr. Frank Davis
16 Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.
17 Mr. Byron Gibbs
18 Mr. Jerry Holmes
19 Mrs. Estella Scott
20 Mr. Stanley Vidrine
21 Mr. Bobby Williams
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23 MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Cupit
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25 OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
26 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
27 Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA
28 Daniel Jones, Fac Asst Mgr 1-SRA, Many, LA
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30 There were twelve (12) visitors.
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32 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.

33 Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit was absent;
34 however a quorum was established.

35 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

36 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. Mrs. Scott

37 moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried
38 unanimously.

39 Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the August 22nd 2013

40 Board meeting as circulated. Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to

41 approve the minutes of the Board meeting of August 22nd, 2013 meeting as
42 circulated. Motion carried unanimously.

43 Mr. Goodeaux asked Mr. Foret to introduce his guest. Mr. Foret stated that

44 Senator Ronnie Johns who represents District 27, serves on the Joint Legislative Budget

45 Committee, Finance Committee, and Insurance Committee would like to address the

46 Board. Senator Johns thanked Mr. Foret for the introduction to everyone. Senator Johns

47 stated that he was excited about the \$26 billion Sasol project that was coming in the near

1 future. He stated that a project of this magnitude would mean great growth for southwest
2 Louisiana as well as the Diversion Canal Division of the Sabine River Authority. He
3 thanked the Board once again for the opportunity to visit and address them.

4 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

5 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 167.46' msl. He stated
6 that the lowest recording thus far is 167.15' msl. He stated that to maintain downstream
7 flow, one unit is running 2 hours every other day 4-6pm. He stated that a copy of the
8 outage report for Unit #1 is presented as well as the engineer's report. He stated that the
9 power company has requested a meeting to discuss the power sales agreement. He stated
10 that legal counsel is reviewing the request and then a decision can be made and staff
11 would keep the Board informed of development on the issue. He stated that advertised
12 bids for the gate repair at the dam could be about \$1.2 million dollars which has been
13 budgeted.

14 Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. Chance was on vacation.
15 He stated that no news to report on re-licensing. He stated that waiting on news from
16 FERC and hopefully will receive the new license sometime in January. He stated that the
17 three operators that staff had been working with to resolve their compliance issues
18 continue to move forward. He stated that one operator has completed the task and the
19 other two should have all violations resolved by the end of October or the first of
20 November.

21 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Pratt stated that Mike Carr would be overseeing the
22 Diversion Canal and that Daniel Jones would be overseeing all the Park Maintenance.
23 Item a.-Toledo Bend Division: Mr. Jones stated that the SRA crew led by Blake Gregory
24 who are working at Oak Ridge Park Site #2 have nearly completed the RV road base
25 along with culvert placement. He stated that the DeSoto Parish Police Jury plans to start
26 the black topping project later this winter. He stated that Chad Strother's Crew have
27 completed 90% of the RV pavilion with only the interior walls to be finished and setting
28 the plumbing fixtures. He continued that Joey Remedies and Ron Blanchette have
29 completed the renovation of three of the offices at the Pendleton Office and are near
30 completion of the fourth one. He stated that the renovation of these offices includes new
31 ceiling, flooring, painting walls and trim as well as custom building desks. He stated that

1 Window World had delivered and installed all new windows throughout the building. He
2 stated that after the meeting, he wanted to encourage the Board members to walk to the
3 back and see the excellent craftsmanship of these dedicated employees.

4 Item b. SRD-Mr. Pratt stated that Mike Carr had a doctor's appointment and was
5 not present. He stated that there was no change in the activity at the Diversion Canal. He
6 stated that Mr. Carr and Mr. Rumsey had been working with the engineering staff of
7 Sasol on their project.

8 Mr. Pratt stated that Wi-Fi was now available for those visiting the Pendleton
9 Office. He stated that initial cost was projected at approximately \$600 but staff had to
10 purchase an extra "switch" which increased the total cost to approximately \$1,600.00.
11 He stated that staff had been asked to research the probability of installing Wi-Fi at the
12 parks or even a panoramic camera so visitors could see live coverage of various events of
13 just to see what the lake looks like at different times. He stated that it doesn't seem that
14 this is going to be a feasible project at this time due to the type of equipment that needs to
15 be placed within the park sites.

16 Item#4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financials for the months
17 of July and August 2013 were circulated within the packet. She stated that the July
18 revenue for the Toledo Bend Division was \$529,060.22; expenses were \$586,090.83
19 showing a loss of \$57,030.61. She continued the August revenue was \$298,590.17;
20 expenses were \$399,746.86 showing a loss of \$101,159.69 and the year-to-date revenue
21 was \$827,650.39; expenses were \$985,837.69 showing a loss of \$158,187.30. She stated
22 that the July revenue for the Diversion Canal Division was \$466,404.20; expenses were
23 \$280,494.83 showing a profit of \$185,909.37. She continued that the August revenue
24 was \$367,603.75; expenses were \$198,544.19 showing a profit of \$169,059.56 and year-
25 to-date revenue was \$834,007.85; expenses were \$479,039.02 showing a profit of
26 \$354,968.93. She presented each member with a copy of the Park Improvement Budget
27 Report as well as the SRD Capital Improvement Program Budget Report. She stated that
28 the total budget for the Park Improvement Program is \$1,079,846.87 of which
29 \$430,401.50 has been spent thus far leaving a remaining balance of \$649,445.37. She
30 continued that the total budget for the SRD Capital Improvement Program was
31 \$8,521,813.42 of which \$4,213,284.09 has been spent leaving a remaining balance of

1 \$4,308,529.33. She did explain that the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations are in the
2 process of closing their books since their FY ended August 31st; therefore, zeros were
3 used as within SRA's financial report for August until the final numbers are received
4 from them. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to approve the Staff**
5 **Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

6 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments.

7 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

8 Item #1-SRA Annual Audit Report FY'13: Mr. Stephen DeRouen, CPA

9 addressed the Board. He stated that a copy of the report had been sent to all the members
10 for review prior to the meeting. He stated that he would go over some of the report and
11 would answer any questions. He stated that the report format was the type required by
12 the State and therefore, several pages in back of the report were not completed due to the
13 fact that these did not pertain to SRA. He stated that the first couple of pages express a
14 qualified opinion due to the fact that the records of the Diversion Canal were not audited.
15 years ago. He continued that the SRA staff does an excellent job of keeping the books
16 for the agency and should be commended for the job they perform. He stated that it was
17 a clean audit. He reviewed Page #7 which was to Statement of Net Position. He stated
18 that Total Current Assets were \$17,293,553.00; Total Noncurrent Assets were
19 \$58,393,414.00 for a combined Total Assets of \$75,686,967.00 which is down
20 approximately \$2.3 million from the previous year. He stated that on Page #8 is the
21 Statements of Net Position showing Liabilities.. He stated that Total Current Liabilities
22 were \$880,362.00; Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets were
23 \$1,993,600.00; Long-term Liabilities were \$13,549,796.00; Total Net Position was
24 \$62,137,171.00 which gives the Total Liabilities and Net Position of \$75,686,967.00. He
25 continued on Page #9 showed Total Operating Revenues were \$8,180,333.00; Total
26 Operating Expenses were \$8,772,394.00; Non-operating Revenues/Expenses were
27 \$170,703.00 showing a Change in Net Position of -\$762,764.00. He stated the beginning
28 of the year Net Position was \$62,899,935.00 and ending of the year Net Position was
29 \$62,137,171.00 when compared to the previous year was down approximately

30 \$700,000.00. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to accept the SRA**
31 **Annual Audit for FY'13 as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting

3 2) Development & Parks: **Mr. Ron Williams made a motion which was**

4 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the August 22nd 2013**

5 **Committee meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

6 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: No meeting.

7 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8 1) Finance & Personnel: No meeting.

9 2) Water Sales: No meeting.

10 3) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

11 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the last Board meeting, he had asked that Mr. Ron
12 Williams, Mr. Davis, Mr. Pratt, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Anderson and himself to review the
13 current bylaws of the Board. He stated that a meeting had been held and that staff would
14 prepare a copy of the proposed changes by the next meeting so the entire Board could
15 review them and make any comments. He asked that anyone having any comments
16 please address them to the staff so the comments could be considered. He stated that the
17 Board needed to be prepared to take action at the December 2013 meeting.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he would be
19 interviewing the following Tuesday for the Engineering position. He stated that there
20 were two candidates interested in the position. He stated that he would be attending a
21 Statewide Water meeting in Baton Rouge on Thursday, October 17th and that the Sabine
22 River Compact would be meeting in San Antonio, Texas on October 25th 2013. **Mr.**
23 **Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the Executive Director's report as**

24 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that on the 2001 Simmons & McKay
26 property damage suit, a mediation hearing would be held in Baton Rouge. He continued
27 that if a resolution was not reached during the mediation process, then the next step
28 would be an arbitration hearing.

29 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be October 16th, 2013 at
30 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office. He stated that the reason for moving the meeting
31 was due to the Sabine River Compact Meeting in San Antonio, Texas on October 24th

1 and 25th and Mr. Bobby Williams, Mr. Pratt, and Mrs. Ferguson would be attending the
2 meeting.

3 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

4 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**

5 **adjourned at 2:12pm.**

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8 **NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN**

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14 **ATTEST:**

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RON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY


THERMAN NASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN