

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

11:00AM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 2012

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Chairman
Mr. Therman Nash

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
Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

There were ten (10) visitors.

Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Pratt offered the Prayer and Mr.

Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Nash, and Mr.

Vidrine were absent; however, a quorum was established. Mr. Goodeaux welcomed the visitors and board member's spouses that were present.

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

Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None

Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 167.60' msl and one unit would be running 2 ½ hrs every other day. He stated that the outage was complete. He stated that the maintenance on Gate #7 was almost complete and the budget for next year

1 would reflect maintenance to be done on two more of the gates. He stated that the Toledo
2 Bend Project Joint Operations Board would be meeting in January possibly the 14th, 15th,
3 or 16th and when the meeting is scheduled, he would inform all the Board. He stated that
4 a meeting was scheduled for January 17th or 18th to discuss the Land Exchange. He
5 continued his report stating that the LA Department of Wildlife & Fisheries has sprayed
6 1,260 acres along the reservoir for Giant Salvinia. He stated that the area of
7 concentration was sprayed by helicopter in the upper end of the reservoir, with a goal to
8 reduce the possibility of the plant “floating” downstream to other areas of the reservoir.
9 Mr. Goodeaux asked that Staff send a copy of the outage reports to the Board members.
10 Item #2-Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that the major activity of the relicensing
11 team completed since the last Board meeting was to file the Response to
12 Recommendations, Terms, and Conditions, Prescriptions and Comments on December
13 6th, 2012 with FERC. He continued that basically the response was thanks for your
14 interest in the relicensing of the Toledo Bend Project, however, the experts (the Resource
15 Agencies) do not support your opinions and the studies conducted as part of the ILP
16 (Integrated Licensing Procedure) does not support your opinion. He stated that the
17 SRAs’ are asking FERC to accept the Settlements as filed. He stated that the remainder
18 of the schedule is as follows: April 2013-FERC issues DEIS (Draft Environmental
19 Impact Statement); June 2013-Comments due on DEIS (45-day comment period); and
20 September 2013-FERC issues FEIS and issues the new licenses.

21 #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that the contracts for Projects 2, 4, 5, 7 8 and 10
22 at the Diversion Canal have been executed. He stated that the contract for Projects 1 and
23 3 have been executed as well as a pre-construction meeting was held with the Notice to
24 Proceed to be issued with a January 2013 start date. He stated that all projects are within
25 budget or under, with the exception of Project 8 which had a bid of \$259,000.00. He
26 stated that it is anticipated that all 8 projects that are started would stay under budget if
27 there are no substantial change orders. He stated that the sixty foot lift has blown an
28 engine. He stated that cost of the engine repair is approximately \$10,000 versus the cost
29 of a new machine at \$95,000. He stated that the repairs will be done. He stated that work
30 continues at Oak Ridge Park with the shaping of the wastewater collection pond as per
31 DHH and DEQ specifications. He stated that Cabin #9 is complete at Cypress Bend Park

1 and has been inspected and accepted by the Fire Marshall to be placed in the rental pool.
2 He stated that the Fire Marshall has approved the drawing of the proposed new office at
3 San Miguel Park with the SRA crew beginning this project in early 2013.
4 #4-Financial: Mrs. Ferguson stated that total income for the Toledo Bend
5 Division in the month of October was \$508,365.70 with expenditures of \$408,002.67
6 leaving a profit of \$100,363.03. She stated that the total income for the Diversion Canal
7 Division was \$422,221.75 with expenditures of \$176,259.01 leaving a profit of
8 \$245,962.74. She continued that the year-to-date income for Toledo Bend Division was
9 \$1,717,578.90 with expenditures of \$2,595,028.18 leaving a deficit of \$877,449.28. She
10 stated that the year-to-date income for the Diversion Canal Division was \$1,603,101.73
11 with expenditures of \$912,774.10 leaving a profit of \$690,327.63. **Mr. Bobby Williams**
12 **moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion**
13 **carried unanimously.**

14 OLD BUSINESS: None.

15 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

16 Item #1-Consider ALH, No.5 request to expend \$25,000 from the
17 Replacement/Reserve Account for Golf Course Repairs: Mr. Brad Anderholm, general
18 manager of the Cypress Bend Resort Golf and Conference Center stated that the purpose
19 of the request was to close or fill in twenty-five of the sand traps along the course to help
20 lower maintenance costs. He stated that he had contacted Mr. Dave Bennett, Course
21 Designer, to discuss the number of sand traps that he, Mr. Anderholm, would like to close
22 and add topsoil for seeding new grass. Mr. Goodeaux asked Mr. Carr, SRA Facilities
23 Maintenance Manager, if he was in agreement. Mr. Carr stated that it would definitely
24 cut the maintenance costs as well as speed up playing time. **Mr. Bobby Williams**
25 **moved, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to approve the request from ALH, No. 5 to**
26 **expend \$25,000.00 from the replacement/reserve account for golf course repairs.**

27 **Motion carried unanimously.**

28 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

29 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order and he called
30 the roll of the Committee thus establishing a quorum. He opened the floor for
31 nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Gibbs nominated Mr. Foret which was**

1 **seconded by Mrs. Scott and asked that nominations cease. Mr. Foret was**
2 **elected by acclamation.**

- 3 2) Development & Parks: No Meeting.
4 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: No meeting.

5 **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 6 1) Finance & Personnel: No meeting.
7 2) Water Sales: No meeting
8 3) Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Goodeaux called the Committee to order
9 and he called the roll of the Committee thus establishing a quorum. He
10 opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Cupit nominated Mr.**

11 **Goodeaux seconded by Mr. Arbuckle with nominations to cease. Mr.**

12 **Goodeaux was elected by acclamation.**

13 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that the Louisiana
14 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries had sprayed 1,260 acres to help control the Salvinia
15 growth on Toledo Bend. He stated that aerial spraying was done on the upper end of the
16 lake at various areas some of which were Red Fox, William's Camp, Pine Island, Tenaha
17 Creek, Woodland Shores, Oak Ridge/Circle Drive and Gum Pond. He stated that the
18 primary goal was to reduce the giant salvinia in the upper end of the reservoir to prevent
19 the plant from traveling downstream. He stated that the Groundwater Resources
20 Commission had met and he had attended the meeting as the representative of the SRA.

21 He stated that the Governor appoints the Chairman which is Scott Angelle who had
22 served within the LA Natural Resource Department prior to his election to the Public
23 Service Commission. He stated that the purpose of the commission was to develop a
24 groundwater plan and hopefully a surface water plan for the entire State. He continued
25 that the report would be presented to the Legislature upon completion. He stated that
26 several of the Committees of the SRA would be holding meetings sometime in January
27 and every member would be notified. He stated that the Toledo Bend Joint Operations
28 Board would be meeting either January 14th, 15th, or 16th and all members would be
29 notified of the scheduled meeting so they could attend. He explained that a 22-yr-old
30 man from Provencal, Louisiana had drowned in the Lanana Bridge are on December 9th
31 probable cause of death hyperthermia. He stated that the young man was trying to

1 retrieve his boat that went adrift during the storm. He stated that the SRA employees
2 would begin the Christmas Holidays on December 21st through January 1st. Mr. Ron
3 Williams asked if staff had examined the area requested for boat lane cutting/mark-
4 Mr. Carr stated that the approximately quarter-mile creek is felt to be too shallow to
5 declare safe even with cutting/mark- ing due to numerous stumps located in the area. Mr.
6 Pratt suggested that further discussion should be held with the Leaseback and
7 Cutting/Marking Committee which would be meeting in January. **Mr. Cupit moved,**
8 **seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director's report as presented.**
9 **Motion carried unanimously.**

10 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

11 Mr. Goodeaux reminded the Board that the next regular meeting would be held on
12 Thursday, January 24th, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office; however after a
13 short discussion, it was decided that the meeting would be held at the Sabine River
14 Diversion Canal office in Sulphur, Louisiana.

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

16 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
17 **adjourned at 12:15pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN


BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY