1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY STATE OF LOUISIANA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE 15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY MANY, LA 71449 1:00PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 RD 2014	
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary Mr. C.A. Burgess Mr. Frank Davis Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr. Mr. Byron Gibbs Mr. Jerry Holmes Mrs. Estella Scott Mr. Bobby Williams
23 24 25 26	MEMBERS ABSENT:	Mr. Norman Arbuckle Mr. Daniel Cupit Mr. Stanley Vidrine
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	OTHERS PRESENT:	Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA Carl Chance, IT Director 1-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.
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1 stated that 1.7 million acre ft of water had been released during the 2013 calendar year. 2 He stated that the work at the Dam continues on refurbishing the gates. He stated that the 3 sandblasting on Gate #8 was complete and sandblasting would begin on Gate #10 next. 4 He continued that the re-licensing process had some comments from the US Fish and 5 Wildlife stating concerns about the amount of water released per second; however these 6 concerns were addressed by the re-licensing team. He stated that there are four wells at 7 the powerhouse which keeps the hydro-static pressure pumped down so it does not build 8 up under the powerhouse and cause the powerhouse to lift up. He stated that normally 9 one of these well pumps would run on each side of the tailrace channel on two week 10 intervals, and then the other two well pumps would be used. He stated that these pumps 11 were no longer working properly which was discovered in December because the 12 piezometers along the wing walls below the powerhouse started flowing. He stated that 13 Layne Christensen Company of Houston, Texas was contacted and they pulled the pipe, 14 pump and motor out of one well and checked the iron bacteria around the screen which 15 was found to be blocking the water flow. He continued that the pump could not be 16 repaired and the cost of this initial investigation was \$7,435.00. He stated that the 17 Company recommended that each well needed to be checked and necessary repairs be 18 made to include an acid treatment to remove the iron bacteria. He reported that the 19 TBPJO Technical Committee recommended this to be an emergency repair and amend 20 the TBPJO FY 2014 budget and repair all four wells at the approximate cost of 21 \$202,060.00. 22 He stated that he wanted to explain a little bit about the Intermittent Resource 23 Scheduling in MISO. He stated that there are three scheduling parameters- (1) day-ahead 24 schedule by 11:00EST; (2) day-ahead reliability forecast by 1700EST or (3) Notification Deadline (NDL) Forecast with a four hour prior notification to operating hour in real 25 26 time. He showed the Board the "grid" values with MISO in a point power presentation. 27 He stated that Entergy/Cleco prefer 24hrs on/off instead of the 4+ hours minimum notice. 28 He assured the Board that SRA had no liability. He stated the MISO website was 29 www.MISOenergy.org. 30 Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that the Federal Energy 31 Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the Final Environmental Impact Statement

(FEIS) on December 20th, 2013 for the Toledo Bend Project re-licensing effort. He stated 1 2 that overall the re-licensing team was pleased with the effort; however the Authorities 3 were going to file a few comments to FERC about the FEIS on January 31st 2014 to 4 clean-up some issues and to comment on Article 408 concerning generation of power 5 during emergency conditions. He stated that FERC had addressed the comments from 6 the Public Hearings concerning the Recreation Management Plan. He stated that State 7 Parks would be excluded as project sponsored recreation but would be included as 8 "additional recreational resources adjacent to" the project. He stated that Louisiana and Texas State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) have signed the Programmatic 9 10 Agreement and FERC has accepted the Historic Properties Management Plan. He 11 continued that the new license should be received in approximately ninety (90) days. He 12 stated that once the license was issued, there would be a planned joint meeting of the 13 Louisiana and Texas Boards of Commissioners to officially accept the license. He stated 14 that the FEIS can be viewed or downloaded at the FERC elibarary website or at srala-15 toledo.com. 16 Item #3-Operational: a) Toledo Bend-Mr. Jones stated that staff has been up at 17 Park Site #2 Oak Ridge working to complete the event pavilions, to install sewer access 18 for the eight waterfront RV pads, helping DeSoto Parish Police Jury with the 19 blacktopping process and the contractor will start the RV renovation on the twenty-eight 20 (28) pads.. He stated that with weather permitting, and the change of scope to build a 21 fishing pier on the dredged levee, which is currently too wet, and the building of a couple 22 small picnic pavilions this project would be complete. He stated that staff visited 23 Pleasure Point checking areas that need to be updated for instance the office area. He 24 stated that staff has prepared a list of items needed; however a request for bids has not 25 been done because staff would like to complete Oak Ridge Park before starting at 26 Pleasure Point Park. Mr. Pratt interjected that staff is preparing a request for a prescribed 27 burn to help with cleanup some of the areas within the park. Mr. Jones stated that also 28 included in the control burn request is Park Site 7A and Park Site 11. 29 b) Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. Carr was not present and he would give his report. 30 He stated that the Capital Projects at the Diversion Canal were moving along. He stated 31 that staff had continued to work on documentation with Sasol concerning instillation of

- 1 an alternate pump station. He stated that once Sasol completed their review, the
- 2 document would be reviewed by SRA legal counsel and once the final document was
- 3 complete, it would be brought before the Board for approval.
- 4 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were
- 5 included within the Board packet. She stated that the Toledo Bend Division had revenues
- 6 of \$789,073.66; expenditures of \$364,241.83 showing a profit of \$424,831.83. She
- 7 stated that the Diversion Canal Division showed revenues of \$360,826.76; expenditures
- 8 of \$159,498.02 showing a profit of \$201,328.74. She continued that year-to-date totals
- 9 for Toledo Bend Division showed total revenues of \$3,141,571.66; expenditures of
- 10 \$3,524,315.86 leaving a deficit of \$382,744.20. She stated that the Diversion Canal
- Division year-to-date total revenues were \$2,318,144.70; expenditures of \$1,273,989.34
- showing a profit of \$1,044,155.36. **Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott**
- 13 to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried
- 14 unanimously.
- OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments. .
- 16 Item #1-Approve the By-laws Revision. Mr. Goodeaux stated that a final copy
- had been circulated within the Board packet and he asked for a motion to approve the
- amended By-laws as circulated. Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr.
- 19 Burgess to adopt the amended By-laws as circulated in the Board packet. Motion
- 20 carried unanimously.
- 21 Item #2-Approve Property Control Policy-Mr. Lynn Maines stated that he had
- 22 made the suggested revisions to the Property Control Policy and a copy of it was
- circulated within the Board packet. He stated that during his research, this particular
- 24 website was recommended by the Division of Administration in Baton Rouge and they
- 25 had had much **success** with the process. Discussion was held on how to advertise that
- 26 SRA would be selling items on the website "Govdeals.com" and it was suggested that
- 27 Staff put an advertisement in the newspaper so that the general public would know they
- could go online and "bid" on items that were for sale. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by**
- 29 Mr. Burgess to adopt the new Property Control Policy for the Authority which
- 30 would be Govdeals.com. Motion carried unanimously.
- NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

1	Item #1-Approve Purchase of Vehicles for SRD- Mrs. Ferguson stated that two		
2	trucks had been budgeted for the Diversion Canal office however; it was determined that		
3	an additional SUV vehicle was needed to carry the instrumentation/testing equipment.		
4	She stated that one would be a one-ton flatbed truck with a spraying system so that SRD		
5	crews could spray the unwanted vegetation in the canal-approximate cost \$27,188.00; the		
6	seconded vehicle would be a half-ton truck for staff use approximate cost \$20,728.00;		
7	and the third vehicle would be a Ford Expedition approximate cost \$30,015.00 to		
8	transport the electrical instrumentation. Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by		
9	Mrs. Scott to approve the purchase of three vehicles for the Diversion Canal office		
10	not to exceed the approximate cost of \$80,000.00. Motion carried.		
11	COMMITTEE REPORTS:		
12	1) Diversion Canal: No meeting		
13	2) Development & Parks: No meeting.		
14	3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: No meeting.		
15	SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:		
16	1) Finance & Personnel: No meeting.		
17	2) Water Sales: No meeting.		
18	3) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.		
19	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that in Washington, the		
20	Resource Committee has been discussing the possibility of widening the Sabine/Neches		
21	River to help improve the Port at Beaumont Texas. He stated that there was some		
22	concern of saltwater encroachment; therefore a barrier would have to be built. He stated		
23	that the Corps of Engineers would be reviewing the issue. Mr. Holmes moved, seconded		
24	by Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion		
25	carried unanimously.		
26	LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the recent decision of the U.S. 5 th		
27	Circuit was being challenged. He stated that the insurance decided to settle out-of-court		
28	in the Brewer McKay case. He stated that the Office of Risk Management was handling		
29	the case of the electronic gate incident at Cypress Bend Park.		
30	Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be February 27 th , 2014 at		
31	1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.		

1	With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjour		
2	Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting		
3	adjourned at 3:00pm.		
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