

1 by the Operating Guide Rule Curve for May. He stated that in June, a 4-hr run would be
2 added on Saturday. He stated that the annual FERC inspection of the dam was currently
3 being conducted. He continued for information purposes to the Board, the lake elevation
4 on January 1st was 161.45' msl and that on May 22nd the lake elevation was 170.22' msl.
5 He stated that water released through the generators since January 1st, was 733,690 acre-
6 ft which had a value of \$2,105,570.00. He continued that if the water had sold for water
7 supply purposes at the price of \$.28/1,000 gallons that had been offered by Toledo Ben
8 Partners, it would have had a value of \$66,939,997.00. He stated that even at the current
9 price of \$.15/1,000 gallons, it would have had a value of \$35,860,712.00. He stated that
10 the net volume of water stored in Toledo Bend since January 1st was 1.4 million acre-ft.
11 #2 -Re-licensing: Mr. Chance stated that since the March Board meeting, the re-licensing
12 team has completed and filed with FERC the Recreation Management Plan as approved.
13 He stated also completed and filed with FERC AIR (Additional Information Request) and
14 the AIP's (Agreement in Principals) with the Aquatics Work group and the USFS on
15 April 13, 2012. He stated that a request had been filed with FERC to delay issuance of
16 the REA (Ready for Environmental Assessment) for 120 days or August 7th, 2012 to
17 allow ample opportunity to complete a settlement agreement with the Aquatics Work
18 Group participates and the USFS. He presented each member present with a copy of
19 revised filing dates. He stated that the group had met with USFS in Atlanta on May 7th
20 concerning the re-licensing settlement and land swap and an agreement forthcoming by
21 legal. He stated that the next meeting would be in July to discuss the land swap issue.
22 He stated a meeting was held with the Aquatics Work Group in Houston with a positive
23 outcome forthcoming once the legal counsels complete the wording of the documents.
24 He stated that a Joint meeting between SRA Texas and Louisiana would be convened at
25 Cypress Bend on July 24th to approve the settlements and the plan is to have of copy each
26 member before hand for review. His final comment to the Board was "Is the Project
27 going to have to do some things differently, yes! However, I believe both agreements are
28 good and we can continue to operate this project." #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at
29 the Toledo Bend Division the crews have cut in excess of 200 trees in the parks since
30 the drought and are looking at possibly bidding stump removal or purchasing a grinder.
31 He stated that at Cypress Bend Park all electrical hardware from the old fish cleaning

1 station has been removed and the crew installed new counter top across back wall with
2 double sinks, moved building back 45ft and installed new gravity flow discharge line into
3 the lake. He stated a new water supply has been installed from the bathhouse to the
4 parking lot for the Bass Unlimited and future functions held. He stated that the Sealy
5 McDonald's Tournament was held with approximately 2,220 participants. He stated that
6 at San Miguel, the crew has completed outside vinyl and roofing on two more cabins and
7 have five more remaining. He stated that the inside work on Cabins #3 and #5 was
8 complete with twelve (12) remaining. He continued at Oak Ridge, the crew has done site
9 prep work for 24 RV pads with sixteen (16) already poured with plans to finish the other
10 eight next week. He stated that material bids had been sent out for the water, sewer and
11 electrical fixtures. He stated that Balar and Associates was designing an oxidation pond
12 to handle all existing and new facilities being installed. He stated that Balar is also
13 working a plans for a new pavilion and staff is working with the DeSoto Parish Police
14 Jury on a location for this facility. He stated that buoy maintenance continues with a lot
15 of buoys being replaced after the low water event. He stated that the pump station at the
16 Cypress Bend Resort Golf Course has been moved to new location hooked up with 10
17 inch discharge line to irrigation system. He stated that Joey Remedies has started
18 building structure around new pump station. He stated that the ability to pump water at a
19 5 ft lower elevation than the old pump station which put the bottom of the intake at 158'
20 msl. He stated that at the Diversion Canal crews are spraying for the major problem of
21 salvinia and water hyacinth. He stated that staff reports were also included in the Board
22 packet. He continued bids were released for Phase #1 of the SCADA system which
23 Louisiana Radio was the low bidder at \$141,885. He stated that this phase includes such
24 items as taller towers at the pump stations to transmit information, new towers at control
25 gates that presently have none and sending units with a dedicated frequency and new
26 receiving equipment at the SRD office. He stated that once this is complete other
27 features will be added for a smoother operation such as real time visuals for operations,
28 meter readings to used for billing, access to system for shutdown, startup, flow control
29 and other aspects using the Smartphones. He continued staff would have the ability to
30 check and start diesel pumps in case of failure, fuel needs for backup pumps, monitoring
31 voltage, pump gpm, and water quality data. He stated that the total budget for the

1 SCADA system is \$390,000.00 and staff feels we will be able to accomplish both Phases
2 within budget. He stated that bids have gone out for the refurbishing of the control gate
3 and awaiting for those to return. He stated that SRA staff will administer the scope of
4 work, the bid process and quality control for both of these projects as we have the
5 experience to do so which would result in a cost savings of approximately \$85,000.00 for
6 the two projects. He stated approximate timeline for completion of pump station
7 upgrades is as follows: installation bypass pump equipment for Stations 3 and 4-October
8 2012; installation of electrical switchgear and control upgrade for Stations 3 and 4-March
9 2013 and installation of electrical switchgear and control upgrade for Station 1-March
10 2013. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as**
11 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

13 Item 31-Amend Jones-Walker Contract: Mr. Pratt stated he was requesting that
14 the Board approve amending the Jones-Walker Contract for \$6,000.00 which was the
15 final bill for legal services pertaining to the water sales. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded**
16 **by Mr. Goodeaux to approve amending the Jones-Walker Contract for \$6,000.00 for**
17 **professional services. Motion carried unanimously.**

18 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve March and April 2012 Financial Report:
19 Mrs. Ferguson stated that the report was included in the Board packet. She stated that it
20 showed revenue for the Toledo Bend Division for the month of March was \$807,796.12;
21 expenditures of \$505,753.77 with a profit of \$302,042.35. She stated that the report
22 showed revenue for the Diversion Canal Division for the month of March as
23 \$341,232.18; expenditures of \$143,538.72 with a profit of \$197,693.46. She stated that
24 the revenue for Toledo Bend Division for the month of April was \$822,338.41;
25 expenditures were \$810,789.01 with a profit of \$11,549.40. She stated that for the
26 Diversion Canal Division for the month of April was \$308,312.46; expenditures were
27 \$134,902.97 with a profit of \$173,409.49. She continued year-to-date totals for Toledo
28 Bend Division was revenue of \$4,294,928.38; expenditures of \$6,740,518.78 with a
29 deficit of \$2,445,590.40. Year-to-date totals for Diversion Canal Division was Revenue
30 of \$3,699,393.11; expenditures of \$2,136,884.71 with a profit of \$1,562,508.40. **Mr.**

1 **Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Financial Reports for**
2 **March and April 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Item #2-Water Withdrawal Fee Waiver Request: Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. John
4 Blalock had written a letter requesting a waiver of the water withdrawal fees for 2011 due
5 to the low lake level. He explained that the SRA Board would have to make that
6 decision. He continued that the Board needs to discuss returning the fees to all water
7 withdrawal customers who have permits on the reservoir or to not approve the waiver.
8 Mr. Pratt stated that some of the property owners who have water withdrawal permits,
9 canceled their permit last instead of paying the fee and then came back later to renew the
10 fee. He stated that this is a voluntary permit with a \$50 (fifty dollars) annual fee. After
11 some discussion, **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to not approve the**
12 **request for waiver of the water withdrawal fees for 2011. Motion carried**
13 **unanimously.**

14 Item #3-Approve Commissioner Expenses for Legislative Hearing: Mr. Pratt
15 stated several of the Board Commissioners had traveled to Baton Rouge for the
16 Legislative Hearing on Out-of-state Water Sales which was SB436. He asked that the
17 Board approve payment of expenses for those who attended the meeting. **Mr. Cupit**
18 **moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the expenses for all Commissioners that**
19 **had attended the Legislative Hearing in Baton Rouge. Motion carried unanimously.**

20 Item #4-Adopt Budget for FY'12-'13: Mrs. Ferguson presented each member
21 with a copy of the prepared budget summary. She stated that the budget had increased
22 approximately \$300,000 from the previous year. Mr. Pratt stated that the budget had
23 been presented to the State Finance Committee which did not approve it with or without
24 the merit increases. He stated that hopefully at the June meeting, the submitted budget
25 would be approved. Mrs. Ferguson stated that the total requested budget for FY '13 was
26 \$6,296,022.00. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the**
27 **submitted budget for FY'12-'13 with the included merit increases. Motion carried**
28 **unanimously.**

29 Item #5 Authorize the Executive Director to enter into Agreement in Principal
30 with Potential Industrial Customer at Sabine River Diversion Canal: Mr. Pratt stated that
31 SRA had been approached by a company who is planning an expansion within the

1 Diversion Canal Industrial area and possibly would like to purchase water from the
2 Authority. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to authorize the Executive**
3 **Director to enter into an “Agreement in Principal” with any Potential Industrial**
4 **Customer at the Sabine River Diversion Canal. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 COMMITTEE REPORTS: #1-Diversion Canal- Mr. Cupit stated no meeting.
6 Item #2- Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated no meeting. Item #3-Leaseback &
7 Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated that the Committee had met on March 8th, 2012
8 and those minutes were circulated within the packet. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded**
9 **by Mr. Nash to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of March 8th, 2012 as**
10 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr. Williams
12 stated no meeting. Item #2- Water Sales- Mr. Vidrine called for a motion to approve the
13 minutes of the March 22nd, 2012. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to**
14 **approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of March 22nd, 2012 as circulated.**
15 **Motion carried unanimously.** Item #3-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Nash stated
16 no meeting.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the Sabine River
18 Compact would be meeting in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the L’Auberge Du Lac Casino
19 Resort. He stated that the technical Board would meet on Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm
20 and the regular meeting would be at 8:30am on Friday and if any of the Board members
21 would like to attend, just call Mrs. Anderson at the office and she could make the
22 arrangements. He stated that Mr. Bobby Williams and Dr. Doug Brandon served as the
23 Louisiana representatives on the Compact and Mrs. Ferguson served as the secretary. He
24 stated that engineer Barton Rumsey would also attend. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by**
25 **Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director’s report as presented. Motion**
26 **carried unanimously.**

27 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

28 Mr. Vidrine reminded the Board that the next regular meeting would be held on
29 Thursday, June 28th, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

1 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn.

2 **Mr. Valentine moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adjourn. Motion carried.**

3 **Meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.**

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