

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, AUGUST 28TH, 2014**

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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**
12 **Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary**
13 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
14 **Mr. C. A. Burgess**
15 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
16 **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr**
17 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
18 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
19 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
20 **Mr. Bobby Williams**

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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Frank Davis**
23 **Mr. Jerry Holmes**
24 **Mr. Therman Nash**

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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
27 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Carl Chance, IT Director 1-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**

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32 **There were fourteen (14) visitors.**
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35 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mrs. Scott offered the Prayer and Mr.
36 Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Davis, Mr. Holmes
37 and Mr. Nash were absent; however, a quorum was established.

38 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
39 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. **Mr. Cupit moved,**
40 **seconded by Mr. Foret to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**
41 **unanimously.**

42 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the June 26th, 2014 meeting were in the
43 packet and asked if there were any corrections. Mr. Bobby Williams asked that on Page
44 #7, line #1 the word “national” be changed to “bi-state” organization. **Mr. Bobby**
45 **Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the corrected minutes of the**
46 **Board meeting of June 26th, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

47 **STAFF REPORTS:**

1 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the engineering report was included in the
2 Board packet for review. He stated that the lake level was 170.82' msl. He stated that
3 he had attended a meeting with Entergy in Beaumont, Texas and during the discussions,
4 he stated that the recreational aspect on Toledo Bend especially during major holiday
5 weekends, the SRAs ask that no generation take place so that everyone could enjoy the
6 lake. He stated that the goal is to reach 168.00' msl by the end of October in preparation
7 of incoming fall/winter rains. He stated that one unit would be placed on fall outage for
8 repairs and the budget for these repairs is \$800,000.00. He stated that work on the gates
9 continues as planned. He stated that copies of the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations
10 (TBPJO) Audit for the past fiscal year were included in the packet for review.

11 Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that during discussion with
12 legal counsel concerning the issuing of the license, FERC staff is prohibited from
13 disclosing information related to a pending decision, including the new license, some of
14 his passing comments suggest that we should expect the new license very soon. He
15 stated that counsel mentioned that the FERC staff is "finishing up" the license order and
16 after staff resolves a "few final issues", SRA should expect to see the new license shortly.
17 He continued that incidentally legal was aware that FERC leadership has prioritized the
18 Toledo Bend new license, FERC staff working on one of our Counsel's other client's
19 project have been shifted to work on the Toledo Bend new license. He stated that SRA
20 Texas staff and he have had two meetings working on plans and procedures for
21 compliance with the new license. He stated that the Texas staff has already deployed
22 water temperature collecting equipment in the tailrace and began collecting data as
23 required in the settlement agreement, just in case the license was issued in August or
24 September. He stated that the USACE has issued RGP8 (which includes provisions for
25 SRA permitting on Toledo Bend) and we are working on comments to submit by the
26 deadline of September 6th for close of public comments. He stated that Facebook Pages
27 had 1,297 "hits" for the past week and Cypress Bend Park had 2,413. He stated that the
28 website had 1,748 views for the month with 72 first time visitors; most of the hits were
29 from Many, but some of the others in the top 10 were New Orleans, Bossier, Beaumont,
30 Waco and Bowling Green, KY. He stated that permits for Jun & July were as follows:
31 Structure: New-21 \$735.00; Transfer-5 \$175.00; Water Withdrawal-New 9 \$929.17;

1 Transfer & Fines-1 \$150.00 for a total collection of \$1,989.17. He stated that for any
2 individuals that have Iphone, SRA has an app which can be downloaded for free at the
3 App Store. He stated that the individual would have to search for Sabine River Authority
4 and click “download”. He stated that the app provides one click to links to lake
5 elevation, generation schedule, events, etc...

6 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that he would like to give the Toledo Bend
7 update and wait to on the Diversion Canal during the Committee Reports at which time
8 he would make a powerpoint presentation. He stated that a new floating walk out pier
9 was constructed at Pleasure Point at the boat launch and a new laundry mat at Cypress
10 Bend for the guests is complete thanks to Joey Remedies and crew. He stated that the
11 installation and renovation of the playground equipment at Pendleton Bridge Office is
12 complete; this was a co-operative endeavor with the Toledo Bend Lake Association that
13 Becky Anderson and Chad Strother worked together on this project. He continued that
14 our maintenance crew which consists of two fine carpenters-Joey Remedies and Chad
15 Strother are working on renovation of Cabin #9 at San Miguel. He stated that Daniel
16 Jones is working on completion of the playground equipment at Oak Ridge which is a co-
17 operative endeavor with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury. He stated that thanks to Vinnie
18 Landreneau for the installation of four new culverts and some berms for drainage at
19 Cypress Bend Park. He stated that Joey Cartinez was responsible for the installation of a
20 new lift station at San Miguel. He stated that SRA has a great staff of men and women
21 who work in our parks on a day-today basis and he would like to say thanks to them. He
22 stated that the inmate crew along with Kyle Chapman keep our parks in good condition
23 with the cleaning, mowing, and etc..; and last but not least, Chevy Medlock for handling
24 the purchasing of the items needed to keep our projects moving forward.

25 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the annual audit was
26 performed during the week of August 4th-7th. She stated that she did not have a report
27 since she was waiting for the recommendations of the audit in order to be able to close
28 the books for FY'14. She stated that she had received an email from Mr. Derouen, CPA
29 that he had mailed the report to the Legislative Auditor's Office on August 27th. She
30 stated that Mr. Steve Derouen, CPA would be at the September board meeting to give the

1 audit report. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to accept all the Staff**
2 **Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 SPECIAL REPORTS: Mr. Raymond Powell representing the Clista Calhoun
4 Center in Mansfield addressed the Board. He gave a small history of the center and told
5 the Board that he would like for them to consider holding a board meeting at the facility.
6 He presented each member with a pamphlet. Mr. Goodeaux thanked him for the
7 invitation.

8 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Ted Dove, President of TBLA, addressed the Board
9 concerning the safety of piers with electrical lights. He stated that a recent article had
10 stated that a young woman had lost her life because she was electrocuted due to faulty
11 wiring on a pier on a lakeside. He stated that the Board might want to consider if it is
12 necessary to add regulations concerning piers with electrical systems. He stated that a
13 14.66 pound largemouth bass had been caught on the lake.

14 OLD BUSINESS: None.

15 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Accept Bi-Annual Audit of ALH, No.5: Mrs.
16 Ferguson stated that the report from the auditor was included within the packet for
17 review. She stated that the audit period was from July 1st thru December 31st 2013. She
18 stated that within the report under Item A, 1-4.2: stated that the rent due was paid late 5
19 of the 6 months of the audit period; however, the rent paid was calculated correctly.

20 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

21 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Foret stated that the Committee had met at the Diversion
22 Canal Office in Sulphur on Monday, August 25th. He stated that Mr. Carr made a
23 presentation to the Committee concerning the Capital Improvement Projects and he will
24 give the presentation to the Board. Mr. Carr stated that the Capital Improvement Project
25 (CIP) had started about 3 years ago when the staff asked the Board to approve a \$10
26 million dollar bond issue to finance the upgrades and repairs to the Diversion Canal. (See
27 copy of complete presentation attached.) Mr. Carr stated that each "slide" showed
28 pictures of the project as well as the budget costs. He stated that the entire budget set in
29 2011 was \$7,412,000.00; of this budget, there was an amendment of \$1,109,813.00 with
30 a remainder of \$1,619,580.00 to be paid thus showing an overage of \$212,136.00 or 3%
31 over the budget. He stated that Project #8 was completed at the cost of \$259,000.00 and

1 Project #10 was completed at the cost of \$51,140.00 with the remaining \$146,860.00 to
2 be placed into Phase #2 Projects. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to accept**
3 **and closeout Projects #8 & #10 of the CIP for the Diversion Canal. Motion carried**
4 **unanimously.** Mr. Carr stated that a proposal from a potential customer has made a
5 request to re-route sections of Canal #8 at no cost to the SRA. He stated that this
6 customer has been acquiring additional properties for their expansion project and staff is
7 requesting permission to work with this customer to plan the re-routing of Canal #8 along
8 with Meyers & Associates, and allow the Executive Director to execute any necessary
9 documents with the understanding that any amounts spent by the SRA will be reimbursed
10 by customer. He continued that a separate budget amendment would be presented to the
11 Board before final execution of the documents. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
12 **Cupit to approve staff along with Meyers & Associates to work with potential**
13 **customer in planning the re-routing of Canal #8 with the understanding that any**
14 **costs to the SRA would be reimbursed by the customer and a final budget**
15 **amendment would be brought to the Board before final execution of the documents.**
16 **Motion carried.** Mr. Carr stated that canal customer, Matheson Tri-Gas would like to
17 re-locate their pump station and extend the station completely across the canal width.
18 After some discussion about possible future need for boats to navigate the canal system,
19 the Board decided not to allow the customer to extend the pump station but would allow
20 them to move their pump station to Canal #3-C. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
21 **Ron Williams to allow Matheson Tri-Gas Company to move their pump station to**
22 **Canal #3-C with the understanding there are to be only minimal costs to the SRA;**
23 **however, it is not to extend the entire width of the canal and to authorize the**
24 **Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried.** Mr. Carr
25 stated that moving on to Phase #2, Project #11-Repair of Pump Discharges Update and
26 Project #12-New Pump Installation at Pump Station #3 and Pump Station #4 need to be
27 addressed. He stated that the budget has \$2,375,864.00 for Phase #2 projects. He stated
28 that the Board had previously approved \$300,000.00 for repair of pump discharges. He
29 stated that thus far, \$15,540.00 had been spent with the remaining budget of \$284,460.00
30 to be spent within the next six months. He stated that the potential customer would like
31 to locate their Pump Station on Canal #7 and staff would recommend allowing this

1 customer to locate their Pump Station on Canal #7 with the understanding the costs be
2 minimal to the SRA and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary
3 documents. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to allow the potential**
4 **customer to locate their Pump Station on Canal #7 with the understanding there**
5 **would be minimal costs to the SRA and authorize the Executive Director to execute**
6 **the necessary documents. Motion carried.** Mr. Carr explained to the Board the
7 necessity of adding a third pump to Pump Station #3 and #4 which would increase the
8 reliability of the service provided to our customers. He stated that if the Board agrees to
9 adding Project #12 the approximate cost would be \$600,000.00. **Mr. Foret moved,**
10 **seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve adding Project #12-Installation of additional**
11 **pumps to Pump Station #3 and #4 at the approximate cost of \$600,000.00. Motion**
12 **carried unanimously.**

13 2) Parks: Mr. Ron Williams stated that the Committee had met on July 23rd and
14 discussed several issues. **Mr. Ron Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle that**
15 **the Committee recommends closing out Projects 02-1000 (\$11,259.21; 02-2000**
16 **(\$33,609.32; 02-3000 (\$22,680.42) and 02-4000 (\$7,451.05); re-allocate the remaining**
17 **funds and add Project # 02-7000 Re-surfacing Roads and Approaches to RV Pads at**
18 **the cost of \$75,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ron Williams moved,**
19 **seconded by Mr. Gibbs that the Committee recommends to the Board to approve**
20 **extending the date to July 9th as the beginning date for monthly campers to begin**
21 **their stay at the lower rate at Cypress Bend Park as well as to update the changes to**
22 **the Rules and Regulations Booklet. After some discussion, Mr. Goodeaux called for**
23 **a roll call vote: Yeas: 9 Nays: 1 Absent: 3. Motion carried. Mr. Ron Williams**
24 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Estella Scott to approve the minutes of the July 23rd 2014**
25 **of the Parks Committee as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

26 3) Leaseback: No meeting

27 4) Finance: Mr. Cupit stated that the minutes of the meeting of June 26th 2014
28 were circulated within the packet. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Bobby**
29 **Williams to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held June 26th,**
30 **2014 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

31 5) Water Sales: No meeting.

1 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

2 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the Louisiana
4 Department of Wildlife & Fisheries was currently spraying the salvinia and seems to be
5 doing a good job. He stated that if someone calls the office, the staff will help relay the
6 message to LWF with directions of the area in need of spraying. He stated that with the
7 continued showers and inflow, the salvinia will be moving down the reservoir. He stated
8 that Carl Chance will be speaking to the Toledo Bend Citizens Advisory Committee on
9 September 12th and thanks to Mr. Jim Mifflin for asking staff to speak to the group. He
10 stated that the US Corps of Engineers, in 2002, had planned to visit Toledo Bend for an
11 eco-system study; however the funds weren’t available, but now the group will be back
12 for a site visit on Tuesday September 16th and staff will be in attendance for the visit.

13 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to accept the Executive Director’s**
14 **report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be September 25th, 2014 at
16 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

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

18 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

19 **Meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN

(Absent)
THERMAN NASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

RON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY