

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, OCTOBER 29TH, 2015**
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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

13 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman**
14 **Mr. Frank Davis, Secretary**
15 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
16 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
17 **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr**
18 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
19 **Mr. Jerry Holmes**
20 **Mr. Mike McCormic (late)**
21 **Mr. Therman Nash**
22 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
23 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
24 **Mr. Bobby Williams**

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26 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

27 **Mr. Daniel Cupit, Chairman**

28 **OTHERS PRESENT:**

29 **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Carl Chance, IT Director 1-SRA, Many, LA**
32 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
33 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
34 **There were six (6) visitors.**

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36 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Cupit who
37 was home recuperating from surgery. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Goodeaux led
38 the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit was absent; however, a
39 quorum was established.

40 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
41 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Gibbs**
42 **moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried**
43 **unanimously.**

44 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the September 24th, 2015 meeting were
45 in the packet and asked if there were any corrections. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by**
46 **Mr. Davis to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of September 24th, 2015**
47 **meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

48 **STAFF REPORTS:**

1 Item#1-TBPJO-Mr. Pratt stated that he would give the overall engineering report
2 and Mr. Carr will give the operational report. He stated that Mr. Rumsey's report was
3 included in the packet. He stated that the lake level was 167.5' msl. He continued that
4 Unit #2 was still down for repairs of the oil leak around the hub of the propellers. He
5 stated that work on the spillway gates continues and since this project was not completed
6 in the last fiscal year, it is necessary to "carry" forward those funds. He stated that staff
7 as well as the TBPJO Board members are currently looking at a study to see if it is
8 feasible to repair the unit or to purchase a new one. He stated that the repairs could as
9 much as \$7.2million dollars. He stated that the amount of time to make repairs is
10 estimated at 39 weeks. He stated that since the process of negotiations continues on the
11 power sales agreement, it is necessary to take into consideration who is or will be
12 responsible for the repairs or purchase of a new unit. He stated that under the current
13 MISO system, this would put a financial hardship on both SRA agencies.

14 #2-Shoreline: Mr. Chance stated that he would give the Shoreline report first.
15 He stated that for the Month of September: New Structures-4 @\$35 each, a total-\$140;
16 Transfer Structure-1 @\$35; Transfer Water withdrawal-1@\$100 Total, fees collected:
17 \$275.00. He stated that the FERC compliance effort continues with the cultural resources
18 survey of ten miles in Louisiana having been completed. He stated that the delineation of
19 sites visited during relicensing study is continuing. He stated that the letters have been
20 sent to the tribes requesting their involvement in the TCP (Traditional Cultural
21 Properties). He stated that a request for suggested dates to complete this part of the
22 required surveys has to be sent. He continued that License Article #404 to be compliant,
23 data has been sent to the agencies to provide a 30-day opportunity to comment on the
24 Draft 2015 Water Quality and Cofferdam Effectiveness Monitoring Report and have the
25 agency's comments back within 30 days (no later than November 12th 2015) after which
26 time the report will be submitted to FERC. He stated that the Web page analytics showed
27 4,032 session from 1,801 users that looked at 7,090 pages in the last month and the
28 weekly Facebook totals revealed SRA page had 726 viewers and Cypress Bend Park had
29 2,055 viewers..

30 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the **Toledo Bend Division** the crew
31 has completed the work on the Wastewater Treatment Pond and a bid has been accepted

1 for the fencing to be installed. He stated that the crew will be tying in the force main
2 once Balar engineering finalizes the discharge permit with DEQ. He stated that the
3 Pendleton Office remodel has been completed. He stated that staff has decided to install
4 more lighting for Oak Ridge Park and ten lights have been ordered for the Phase #1
5 installation. He stated that work continues on the three seawalls that failed during the
6 Spring; however, the largest one (approximately 350 feet) has been repaired and the crew
7 has moved to the second one but work is delayed due to the weather. He stated that the
8 crew continues to stay on top of general maintenance on all cabins and RV sites within
9 our parks. He stated that a Kayaking Bass Tournament was being held at Cypress Bend
10 Park and the event would be televised. He stated that at, the **TBPJO Division**, the relief
11 well project is complete and staff is reading the affected piezometers on a weekly basis to
12 analyze the effects of the new wells. He stated that the stop logs are being moved to Gate
13 #11 which is the last two gates to be refurbished. He stated that spalling repair on the
14 spillway has been completed and inspected. He stated that the crew repaired a washout at
15 the top of Dike #2 and replaced over 100 feet of fencing at the south end of the Main
16 levee. He stated that the buoy line at the powerhouse has been replaced. He stated that
17 the excavator has been sent to the dealer for an estimate to repair which proved to be
18 excessive so staff will prepare a bid packet for a new one. He stated that the crew has
19 bush hogged the entire project and applied herbicide. He stated that at the **Sabine**
20 **Diversion Canal Division**, staff continues to work with Sasol to finalize a Water
21 Infrastructure Agreement for the permanent crossings that the board approved at the
22 August meeting. He stated that Matheson Tri-Gas has provided plans for their Pump
23 Station and they have been approved. He stated that SRA has entered into a right-of-way
24 agreement for this project. He stated that staff had no further updates on the Lake
25 Charles Methanol agreements. He stated that all documents had been sent to them for
26 review and possible signature and awaiting their comments. He stated that Axiall
27 Corporation water reservation for 8,000 GPM will begin on November 1, 2015 with an
28 expected taking of water in the first quarter of 2019.

29 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was
30 included in the meeting packet. She stated that at the Toledo Bend Division Revenue for
31 September was \$586,004.03; Expenses were \$1,114,657.85 showing a loss of

1 \$528,653.82. She stated that at the Diversion Canal Division Revenue was \$413,419.17;
2 Expenses were \$319,485.31 showing a profit of \$93,933.86. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**
3 **seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented.**
4 **Motion carried unanimously.**

5 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** None.

6 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mrs. Bonnie Fox-Miles representing the Sabine Parish
7 Tourist Commission presented each member with a report explaining the proposed
8 increase in the “occupancy tax” for the parish. She stated that this is the tax that is
9 assessed on the “room nights” that an individual stays at any of the area’s campgrounds
10 or marinas etc.. She stated that the purpose of the increase is to help ease the burden to
11 the local businesses that help to fund the major tournaments on Toledo Bend. She asked
12 that those who could vote in Sabine Parish to please consider voting for the increase.

13 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

14 **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

15 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

16 **1) Diversion Canal:** Mr. Foret stated that the Committee had met at 10am before
17 the Board meeting. He stated that the Committee had discussed several items.
18 **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve closing out Projects**
19 **#1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #9 and #11 and re-allocating the remaining funds which**
20 **was \$752,485.19 to undesignated. Motion carried unanimously. Mr.**
21 **Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve entering into a**
22 **boundary agreement with Sasol to show that at the outside toe of our**
23 **levee is property belonging to Sasol and to have the Executive Director to**
24 **execute the necessary documents once all parties are in agreement.**
25 **Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Carr stated that the Calcasieu Police Jury
26 had made a request to extend the servitude to cross over Canal #7 and they
27 would be responsible for maintaining the crossing. **Mr. Foret moved,**
28 **seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve extending the servitude over Canal**
29 **#7 to the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr.
30 Carr stated that Projects #6 which covers dredging Canal #1 had begun with
31 T. Baker Smith engineering firm out of Houma, Louisiana to do a complete

1 cross section survey of approximately two (2) miles of canal. He stated that
2 staff along with Meyers & Associates would use this data to prepare bid
3 packages for dredging the canal. He stated that Project #7-which covers the
4 SCADA monitoring system is approximately 80% complete with the
5 remaining system at Control Gates #2 and #5 along with the water quality
6 instrumentation are needed to make this project 100% complete. He stated
7 that the information would be Internet based and readily available for our
8 customers. He stated that Project #12 which covers installation of the third
9 pump at Pump Station #3 and #4 is moving forward. He stated that the motors
10 and drives have been refurbished and are in storage and staff is awaiting pump
11 specifications to match the existing drives so that bid packages can be
12 prepared once the necessary documentation is received. He stated that wait
13 time on building the pumps is about six (6) months with installation to follow.

14 2) Parks: No meeting

15 3) Leaseback: No meeting.

16 4) Finance: No meeting.

17 5) Water Sales: No meeting.

18 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

19 **LEGAL REPORT: Executive Session: Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr.**
20 **Gibbs to move into executive session to discuss the case of Harold Temple vs Sabine**
21 **River Authority, State of Louisiana US District Court, Western Division of**
22 **Louisiana, Civil Action No. 5:15CV2117; formerly 11th Judicial District Court,**
23 **Parish of Sabine, State of Louisiana Case #: 064107. Motion carried unanimously.**
24 **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to re-convene from Executive Session.**
25 **Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to**
26 **approve increasing legal counsel contract with Greenwald, Attorney at Law, LLC**
27 **an additional \$10,000.00 and to move forward with the case. Motion carried**
28 **unanimously.**

29 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that he had made a
30 presentation to the Many Rotary Club and Logansport Chamber of Commerce besides
31 attending the meeting of the Sabine River Compact Administration. He stated that he had

1 held a meeting with the Public Relations Committee (Mr. Goodeaux, Mr. Mifflin, and
2 Mr. Toliver) at the Pendleton Office on October 22nd. **Mr. Holmes moved, seconded**
3 **by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion**
4 **carried unanimously.**

5 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be December 10th, 2015 at
6 11:00am at the Cypress Bend Conference Center Many, Louisiana.

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

8 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried**
9 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY