

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
5 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
6 **MANY, LA 71449**
7 **1:00PM THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2009**
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9 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Larry Kelly, Chairman**
10 **Mr. Stephen Racca, Vice-Chairman**
11 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Secretary**
12 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
13 **Mr. Robert Conyer**
14 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
15 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
16 **Mr. Therman Nash**
17 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
18 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**
19 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
20 **Mr. Bobby Williams**
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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. C. A. Burgess**
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24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
25 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
26 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
27 **Carl Chance, IT Mngt Consult-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir 3-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Daniel Jones, Fac Asst Maint Mgr 1-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Neal Thibodeaux, Eng 5-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **There were ten visitors.**
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33 Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Kelly
34 led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Burgess was
35 absent.

36 Mr. Kelly asked if there were any additions, or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pratt
37 asked that Item #1a under Finance & Personnel Committee be discussed under Old
38 Business, Item #1. **Mr. Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adopt the**
39 **amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

40 Mr. Kelly stated that the minutes of the March 26th, 2009 meeting had been
41 circulated within the Board Packet and asked if there were any corrections. Mr. Williams
42 stated that he had been left off the roll call as being present. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded**
43 **by Mr. Cupit to approve the minutes of March 26th, 2009 with the correction of Mr.**
44 **Williams' name being added to those present at roll call. Motion carried**
45 **unanimously.**

46 **STAFF REPORTS:** Item #1-TBPIO: Mr. Thibodeaux stated that during March
47 25th and 26th, the Project underwent the annual FERC Safety Inspection. He stated that

1 everything went well. He stated that there are some areas on the face of the Dam by the
2 walls at the powerhouse that show erosion due to wave action and need repair. He
3 continued that this repair could not be done until the lake level was around 168' msl and
4 today's lake level is 171.79' msl; however, sandbags were in place to slow the erosion.
5 He stated that the repairs for the motor had been completed. Mr. Kelly asked if there
6 were any questions or concerns; hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Staff
7 Reports as circulated and presented. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to**
8 **approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
9 **unanimously.**

10 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

11 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Approve Purchase for Diversion Canal Generator:
12 Mr. Carr stated that staff reviewed specifications on a diesel and natural gas generator to
13 provide backup power for the Diversion Canal office. He continued that the main reason
14 for this purchase was to be able to keep the Scada System running during "stormy"
15 weather. He stated that the Scada System was the monitoring device used on the canal.
16 He stated that staff would like to recommend to the Board to purchase a diesel powered
17 generator at the cost of \$28,669 versus the natural gas powered generator at the cost of
18 \$24,789 due to the fact that the natural gas could be cutoff during times of emergency;
19 whereas, the Diversion Canal Office has enough storage capacity to handle 2,000 gallons
20 of diesel on the premises which would run the generator for approximately 12 days. **Mr.**
21 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the purchase of a diesel**
22 **powered backup generator for the Diversion Canal Office at the approximate cost of**
23 **\$28,669. Motion carried unanimously.**

24 NEW BUSINESS: None.

25 COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Racca stated that the
26 committee had not met recently, but had minutes to approve from the March 25th, 2009
27 meeting. **Mr. Racca moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the minutes of the**
28 **March 25th, 2009 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

29 2) Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the committee had not met;
30 however, he asked staff to give an update on the repairs of the seawall at
31 Cypress Bend Park. Mr. Carr stated that the area at the boat launch and

1 around the swimming area had been completed. He stated that staff would
2 have to wait for the lake level to be lower before repairing the jetty area.

3 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Conyer stated that the committee had met
4 on April 9th and discussed several items such as permit requests, permit fees,
5 contractor/builder requirements, and ways to handle structures in disrepair on
6 leaseback. **Mr. Conyer moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the**
7 **pipeline permit request from Cajun Exploration, Inc. Motion carried**
8 **unanimously.** Mr. Conyer stated that during the discussion held, Tri-State
9 Midstream had a pipeline request, but was to bring the insurance information
10 to the Board meeting. Insurance was provided to Board members showing all
11 requirements were met. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to**
12 **approve the pipeline permit request from Tri-State Midstream. Motion**
13 **carried unanimously. Mr. Valentine moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux**
14 **to approve the minutes of the 04-09-09 meeting. Motion carried**
15 **unanimously.**

16 SPECIAL COMMITTEES: 1) Finance & Personnel: Mr. Williams stated that the
17 committee had met prior to the Board meeting. He stated that the report for
18 Toledo Bend showed revenues of \$519,934.41; expenditures of \$651,334.95 with
19 a loss of \$131,400.54. He continued that the Diversion Canal revenues were
20 \$152,489.64; expenditures of \$175,197.31 with a loss of \$22,702.67. Mr.
21 Williams stated that he would like to discuss all issues then call for a motion. He
22 continued that ALH, No.5 had an expenditure request from the Replacement
23 Reserve Account in the amount of \$13,348 to replace a steam oven that had gone
24 out at the Conference Center. He stated that staff was requesting to amend the
25 McGlinchey-Stafford contract in the amount of \$20,000 for professional services
26 to complete the water contracts. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Thibodeaux to explain
27 to the Board the request of \$30,000 for the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. Mr.
28 Thibodeaux stated that the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan was a necessary step
29 for pursuing the "buyout" project. He stated that the Plan would be contracted to
30 Metro Planning who had already completed a plan for Texas and was very
31 successful with that plan in obtaining funds for the Texas project. **Mr. Cupit**

1 moved, seconded by Mr. Racca to approve the financial report for March
2 '09; to approve ALH, No.5's request to purchase a steam oven for the
3 amount of \$13,348 for the Conference Center; to amend the McGlinchey-
4 Stafford Contract in the amount of \$20,000 for water contracts; and to
5 approve the cost of \$30,000 for the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to be
6 contracted to Metro Planning. Motion carried unanimously.

7 2) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

8 3) Water Sales: No meeting.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that his report had been
10 circulated within the Board Packet; however, he would like to add several items. He
11 stated that on Thursday, May 7th, the annual SRA Employee Appreciation Day would
12 take place and would like to invite all Board Members to come visit. He stated that staff
13 had met with LA Wildlife & Fisheries Agents and their contractor to discuss various
14 areas for Giant Salvinia. He stated that one suggested was to talk with Texas and get
15 them involved. He stated that Mr. Kelly, Mr. Conyer, and I would be attending a
16 Groundwater Meeting in Baton Rouge. He stated that staff continues to work on the
17 water contracts for the Diversion Canal. Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to approve the
18 Executive Director's Report as circulated and presented. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
19 **seconded by Mr. Racca to approve the Executive Director's report for April '09 as**
20 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

21 LEGAL REPORT: None.

22 Mr. Kelly stated that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners would
23 Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

24 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
25 **Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

26 **Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.**

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LARRY KELLY, CHAIRMAN

STEPHEN RACCA, VICE-CHAIRMAN

NED GOODEAUX, SECRETARY