

**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, JUNE 27TH, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Chairman
Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary
Mr. Norman Arbuckle
Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Frank Davis
Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr.
Mr. Jerry Holmes
Mrs. Estella Scott
Mr. Therman Nash
Mr. Bobby Williams
Mr. Ron Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

There were twelve (12) visitors.

Mr. Vidrine called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Vidrine led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that all members were present; therefore a quorum was established.

Mr. Vidrine asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to amend the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25th, 2013 meeting. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the minutes of the April 25th, 2013 meeting as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. Mr. Joe Carbo, resident of Sepulvado's Landing addressed the Board asking permission for two of the residents who do not have the means to move and are approximately 20ft on the leaseback area be allowed to leave their homes where they are located. Mr. Pratt stated that the agency would continue to work with the owners of Sepulvado's Landing. The Board took no action.

Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 170.05' msl. He stated that on June 11th, the generators were turned on to operate for five hours a day Monday thru Friday until further notice. He stated that this schedule would use approximately 5,000 acre ft per day. He discussed that the current power sales agreement would be up in 2018. He stated that "green energy" _____.

Item #2-Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued on June 14, 2013. He stated that the relicensing team has several issues with the EIS. He continued that conference calls would begin on June 28th to work on comments to be submitted to FERC. He stated there is a link on the TBPJO.org web page to download the draft EIS which is 272 pages in length. He stated that two public meetings have been scheduled for July 30th at the Orange Texas Public Library at 10:30am and the other one is set for July 31st at 7:00pm at Cypress Bend Resort Conference Center. He stated that the last date to comment on the DEIS is August 5, 2013; however, FERC has been asked to extend this date since the public hearings are just five days before and the team needs additional time to address comments made at those hearings. He stated that FERC had issued the Draft Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 Compliance to the SHPO's and the Indian Tribes with no changes to the HPMP.

Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that at the Toledo Bend Division a meeting was held with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury to discuss the scope of work in the joint venture at Park Site #2-Oak Ridge. He stated that the restrooms and laundry at the RV pavilion need to be completed, need to purchase picnic tables for the pavilions, limestone for the RV pads and fencing for the treatment pond. He stated that SRA has received \$280,000 of the \$540,000 originally dedicated for this project. He stated that at Cypress Bend Park, the vendor for the ice dispenser has installed the ice machine; the new cart barn is complete and Cabin #10 has been completed, inspected by the Fire Marshall and put in the rental pool. He stated that new swim buoys have been put into place at Oak Ridge, San Miguel, Cypress Bend and Pleasure Point parks. He stated that at the Diversion Canal Division, Projects #1 and #3 diesel bypass pumps have been installed at Stations #3 and #4 and a test run will be conducted at Station #3 within the week and at Station #4 within two weeks. He stated that Projects #2 and #4, which is Station #3 and

#4, have the housing complete for the switchgear and control panels which are being installed. He continued Project #5 is the control housing at Station #1 is underway. He stated that Project #7, the SCADA system Phase #1 is complete and Phase #2 of this project will go to bid next week. He stated that Project #8, repair and painting of the ten control gates, six of the ten have completed and installed; two gates have been removed and are near completion with two more yet to be removed. He stated that the Contractor's estimate of completion for this project is August, 2013. He stated that bids have been received for Project #9 Highway 90 siphon repairs. He stated that Project #10 which is pump station grates; all grates have been built and are awaiting installation.

Item#4-Financial Report May '13: Mrs. Ferguson stated that total revenue for the month was \$8,518,376.87; expenditures of 9,281,145.85 showing a loss of \$762,768.98.

Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Public Comments.

Item #1-Update on Salvinia Issue: Mr. Ricky Yeldell biologist with LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries presented each member with a handout discussing the current situation on the salvinia problem within the reservoir. He stated that in January 2013, approximately 1,200 acres of the reservoir was affected by Salvinia. He stated that due to the size of the reservoir, the muddy water and shallow water coves were some of the physical limitations faced when applying herbicides. He stated that other limitations are due to the fact that there are two agencies that must be involved in the discussions for controlling the aquatic vegetation. He continued physical control that helps with the vegetation control is the fluctuation of the water level as well as the wave action that tends to "push" the large patches of vegetation to toward the shoreline giving easier access for spraying or removal. He stated that the Department would continue to treat boat ramps, either by air boat application or aerial application.

Item #2-Update on Leaseback Issues: Mr. Chance stated that the owner of Shadow's Landing had called and stated that she would be in compliance on July 1st. He stated that one of those in violation has bought a lot and is getting it prepared to move his trailer; however, the trailer is empty and will be moved by September 20, 2013. He stated that Mr. Brandon, representative for Sepulvado's Landing had sent a letter stating

that plans for the oxidation pond had been submitted to the health department for approval. He stated that the required chlorine tank was being installed and a third pond had been built to help with completion of the project. He stated that Solan's Landing was complete and applications for permits for each structure on leaseback had been picked up and staff would like to thank the owners for their cooperation and work done at Solan's to have this project completed on time. He stated that staff will do a follow up inspection of Shadow's Landing and Sepulvado's landing to be reported at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Public Comments: None.

Item #1-Election of Officers-Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary: Mr. Vidrine opened the floor for nominations. **Mr. Cupit nominated Mr. Goodeaux for Chairman, Mr. Nash for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Ron Williams for Secretary and asked that nominations cease. Mr. Gibbs seconded the nominations. Motion carried unanimously; therefore the officers were elected by acclamation with no opposition.**

Item #2-Selection of Official Journal-Sabine Index: Mr. Pratt explained that the Authority must select an official Journal that is "housed" within the domicile parish and that the Sabine Index is the only local paper. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to select the Sabine Index as the official journal for the Authority. Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Diversion Canal: Mr. Foret stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board meeting. He stated items discussed during the meeting were bids for the Hwy #90 Siphon Project and review of an Industrial Water Reservation Agreement. He stated that the three sealed bids received were opened on June 18th, 2013 for the Siphon Project at the Division Canal. He stated that the industrial water reservation agreement draft had been sent within the Board packet for review. He stated that the Committee would like to make a couple of recommendations. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to accept the bid for the Highway #90 Siphon Project from Gassiott, LLC at the cost of \$883,450.00 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Burgess moved,**

seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Industrial Water Reservation Agreement which was circulated within the Board packet for a new Diversion Canal customer. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Development & Parks: No meeting.
- 3) Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: No meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1) Finance & Personnel: Mr. Williams stated that the Committee had met prior to the Board meeting and had several recommendations to the Board. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the final budget for FY'14 as circulated which showed \$10,914,902 with expenditures of \$11,848,201 with a gross loss of \$933,299. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Ron Williams to adopt the resolution for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which was circulated within the Board packet. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt the resolution of Appointing Authority for the Executive Director as circulated within the Board packet. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the request from ALH, No.5 to purchase turf for the Cypress Bend Golf Course at the approximate cost of \$10,086.10 according to the information provided in the Board packet. Motion carried unanimously.**
- 2) Water Sales: No meeting
- 3) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that the State of Louisiana along with several other states had joined in support of the State of Oklahoma in the Tarrent Case which the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Oklahoma. He stated that he visited with a group of Australians to discuss water resources. He continued that he and Mike Carr had met with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury concerning the recommended changes for Oak Ridge Park. He stated that Mr. Bobby Williams and Dr. Doug Brandon serve on the Sabine River Compact which had met in Bossier City June 6th & 7th. He stated that he had attended a meeting at the Chesapeake Field Office in DeSoto Parish.

He presented each member with a copy of the Statewide Water Plan. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated no report.

Mr. Vidrine stated that the next meeting would be July 25th, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Pendleton Bridge Office.

Mr. Goodeaux thanked Mr. Vidrine for serving as Chairman of the Board for the past two years. He stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Vidrine to the Committees on which he served and reminded the rest of the Board that if they would like to make changes to their current Committee Appointments, please notify Mrs. Anderson or himself so those requests could possibly be honored.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.**

STANLEY VIDRINE, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY