

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
2 SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA
3 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
4 DEVELOPMENT & PARKS COMMITTEE
5 PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE
6 15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY
7 MANY, LA
8 1:00PM THURSDAY, January 17th, 2012
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10 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
11 Mr. Norman Arbuckle
12 Mr. C.A. Burgess
13 Mr. Therman Nash
14 Mrs. Estella Scott
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16 MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Daniel Cupit
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18 OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
19 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
20 Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
21 Carl Chance, IT Consultant 1-SRA, Many, LA
22 Kellie Ferguson, Adm. Prog Director 3-SRA, Many, LA
23 Ashley Mitchell, Park Attendant-SRA, Many, LA
24 There were six(6) visitors.
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26 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
27 Goodeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit was
28 absent; however, a quorum was established.

29 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing
30 none, he asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by**
31 **Mrs. Scott to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

32 PUBLIC COMMENTS: (These were allowed after the presentation.)

1 OLD BUSINESS: None.

2 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Recreation Management Plan: Mr. Chance stated that the
3 Recreation Management Plan was part of the continuing FERC re-licensing process for the
4 Project. He introduced Ms. Nancy Craig with HDR who was a member of the re-licensing team
5 who showed a power point presentation. Ms. Craig stated that the Toledo Bend Project was a
6 water supply, recreation, and hydropower generating project jointly owned and operated by
7 the Sabine River Authority of Texas and the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana and a
8 license is required for the project. She gave some historical background information about the
9 re-licensing process which had begun in 2008. She stated that the FERC recreation policies
10 were to describe measures and facilities that would create, preserve and enhance recreation
11 opportunities at the project and ensure public safety while using the project lands and waters
12 including the needs of those physically handicapped individuals. She stated it was necessary to
13 have governmental agencies as well as private businesses to assist for optimal recreation
14 facilities with safe, sanitary and non-discriminatory access and to keep the public informed of
15 these opportunities. She stated that a study was conducted to evaluate present and future
16 demands for recreation. She stated that during the process a there were six items that were
17 reviewed all along the project boundary: 1-Inventory of existing recreation facilities; 2-Estimate
18 current use at the Project; 3-Characterize current recreation use experience; 4-Estimate
19 recreation demand; 5- Evaluate recreation carrying capacity; and 6-Identify and characterize
20 recreation facility needs. She stated that the conclusions showed a wide range of opportunities
21 that met the needs of a variety of users and potential users; facilities have not reached capacity
22 limits; consolidating developed facilities and concentrating heavy use as a means of balancing
23 public access and use with resource protection may be appropriate; rehabilitation and
24 maintenance of existing facilities could improve visitor satisfaction. She the plan will guide
25 SRAs recreation commitments during the new license term and the plan will become effective
26 once the new license is in place. She stated that the public is welcomed to make comments on
27 the forms provided either by the SRA office or on the website where the plan can be reviewed.
28 She stated that the deadline to submit comments is February 6th, 2012. All comments will be
29 reviewed prior to submitting the preliminary draft to FERC March 5th, 2012. She stated that the

1 plan would be reviewed every twelve (12) years. Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks stated that she had
2 read the plan and questioned why there no plans for upgrades or additions to some of the SRA
3 Park Sites? Mrs. Ferguson interjected along with Mr. Carr that SRA has a park improvement
4 plan, but felt it was best not to show any additions within this plan due to funding. Mrs.
5 Ferguson stated that if additions were added to the plan, FERC would mandate that the
6 additions be done in a timely manner whether actual funds were available or not. Mrs. Curtis-
7 Sparks asked about a unified buoy system with Texas especially one that the public could better
8 read for directional purposes and the need for publicizing this information. Mrs. Gloria
9 Thompson asked about publicizing areas for skiing instead of the boat lanes. Mr. Goodeaux
10 thanked those who took time to make comments. After the discussion, the Committee decided
11 to wait until all comments were received and the re-licensing team brought back the Recreation
12 Management Plan to the full Board for approval. (See attached copy of presentation.)

13 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
14 **Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting**
15 **adjourned at 2:08pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN