

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 10:30AM THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH , 2011
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10 MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman
11 Mr. Norman Arbuckle
12 Mr. C.A. Burgess
13 Mr. Daniel Cupit
14 Mr. Therman Nash
15 Mrs. Estella Scott (arrived at 10:46am)
16 MEMBERS ABSENT: None
17 OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
18 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
19 Mike Carr, Fac. Maint. Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
20 Carl Chance, IT Consultant 1-SRA, Many, LA
21 Kellie Ferguson, Adm. Prog Director 3-SRA, Many, LA
22 Ashley Mitchell, Park Attendant-SRA, Many, LA
23 There were four visitors.
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25 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. He dispensed with the Prayer and the
26 Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mrs. Scott was running late;
27 however, a quorum was established.

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

31 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

1 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Update on Clyde's Crossing: Mr. Carr stated that no word has
2 been received from the Toledo Bend Lake Association as to whether they plan to participate in
3 this project. He stated that Mr. Rivers had been at the last Board meeting to discuss

4 Item #2-Update on Boat Ramps at SRA Park Sites: Mr. Carr stated that the crews were
5 trying to keep all the ramps accessible to water for the public. He stated that the Tourist Center
6 Staff was keeping an updated list each week as to where visitors can launch. He stated that the
7 boat launches at Oak Ridge, San Miguel and Cypress Bend have been cleaned out and we are
8 good to approximately 159.50 msl at these three launches. He stated that Pleasure Point is
9 essentially closed other than small boats and probably will be closed next week due to the fact
10 that SRA equipment would not reach far enough out to clear it anymore. He stated that a spud
11 barge could clean it out further if it is felt necessary to keep Pleasure Point open.

12 Item #3-Update on Water Withdrawal at Converse Bay: Mr. Carr stated that as far as he
13 knew, no one was withdrawing water from Converse Bay at this time.

14 Item #4-Update on Cypress Bend Park's Gates: Mr. Carr stated that a bid from Premier
15 Fencing to sign the contract and get the gates installed. He stated that it was decided to allow
16 the company to install the gates due to the warranty.

17 Item #5-Update on Cypress Bend's Fish Statue: Mr. Carr stated that the fish statue
18 would be located in the "y" area before you enter the boat launch/parking lot area just past the
19 Camp Host's RV pad. He stated that the statue needed to be "weather coated" before it is
20 installed.

21 Item #6-Update on San Miguel's Cabins: Mr. Carr stated that the crew had finished
22 three complete cabins with vinyl siding, new windows and doors. He continued that the interior
23 work would be finished in the winter.

24 Item #7-Cypress Bend Wharf: Mr. Carr stated that a materials list had been submitted
25 to vendors for bids. He stated staff is awaiting the bids.

26 Item #8-Oak Ridge issue: Mr. Carr stated that since SRA had followed the initial protocol
27 by having a Phase I study done at the cost of \$7,000 which reported that there were artifacts

1 within the area along came a request for a Phase II study at the cost of \$25,000 that the staff
2 feels it not necessary; it is felt the SRA has done due diligence. He stated that an Attorney
3 General’s opinion stated that SRA could make improvements within the park; it is felt that we
4 should proceed with our initial agreement with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury and begin work on
5 the park improvements if the Committee so desires to recommend to the Board to proceed.
6 Mr. Pratt stated that if the crews were to find artifacts resembling “skeletal” remains, then the
7 work would be halted. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to recommend to the**
8 **Board to move forward with the Oak Ridge Park Project as previously agreed to with the**
9 **DeSoto Parish Police Jury donating funds to help defray the costs of the updates within the**
10 **park. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Trucks and 4-wheelers riding in lake: Mr. Pratt stated that in
12 1998, the Board adopted a resolution concerning the “mud dogging” that was taking place
13 within the lake due to low lake level. He continued that this was mainly addressing the
14 businesses along the lake that were having “events” and causing traffic flow problems or
15 disturbances within the Parish. He continued that it also addressed safety as well as
16 infringement upon other property owners. He stated that enforcement was another issue
17 except those events held along the highway areas such as “Rebecca’s Convenience Store” just
18 outside of Zwolle where the Sabine Parish Sheriff’s Department took control.

19 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
20 **Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting**
21 **adjourned at 11:24am.**

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25 **NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN**