

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **DIVERSION CANAL COMMITTEE**
6 **CITGO PARK**
7 **HIGHWAY 1133**
8 **SULPHUR, LA**
9 **1:00PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2011**

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**
13 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
14 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
15 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
16 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
17 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**

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19 **MEMBERS ABSENT: None.**
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22 **OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
23 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
24 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
25 **Carl Chance, IT Mgmt Consult-SRA, Many, LA**
26 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
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28 **There were eighteen visitors.**
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31 Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Pratt offered the Prayer and Mr.
32 Goodeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that all
33 members were present; therefore, a quorum was established.

34 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
35 Hearing none, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. **Mr. Burgess**
36 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

37 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mr. Goodeaux asked that all the visitors representing
38 current customers from the various industries to please stand and introduce themselves.
39 Mr. Dave Riggins addressed the Committee as a representative of Government
40 Consultants of Louisiana, Inc. who help prepare documents for issuance of bonds for
41 construction projects. He stated that his company would “shop around” for the best
42 interest rate on the proposed bonds and would follow through with entire bonding process
43 until the money was “in the bank”. He handed out a sheet with some possible scenarios
44 which might give the Committee an idea as to the current cost for bonding activity. Mr.
45 Goodeaux thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

1 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1-Operational Update & Item #2- Update on Siphon
2 Projects: Mr. Carr stated that he would like to cover both topics at once. He stated that
3 the siphon projects were complete. He stated that these siphons had a seventy-eight inch
4 pipe that had to be lined. During a partial installation, the lining did not adhere correctly
5 and it had to be removed and the process started over at which time it was successful. He
6 stated that the siphon repair project was completed within the budget. He stated that a
7 pump had gone out and an emergency bypass pump system had been installed at the cost
8 of \$44,446.00. He stated that a headed had to be built which will be used when a
9 permanent bypass system is installed which was approximately \$20,000 of the \$44,000
10 total cost. He stated that the pump repair should be completed in early April and the cost
11 for the repair is \$78,214.00. (See attached pictures) **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by**
12 **Mr. Gibbs to accept the Operational Report and Update on Siphon Projects as**
13 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

14 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Capital Improvement Projects: Mr. Carr gave a brief
15 history of each pump station within the canal system as well as the levees that help to
16 impound the waters of the system. He stated that staff had prepared a list of items that
17 needed to be done at the Diversion Canal. He stated that necessary repairs and
18 maintenance would be done in two phases. He continued that Phase #1 would include ten
19 items as follows: #1-Installation of diesel bypass pump system for pump Station #3 at
20 approximate cost of \$654,000; #2-Switchgear and controls upgrades for Pump Station #3
21 at approximate cost of \$1,440,000; #3-Installation of diesel bypass pump system for
22 Pump Station #4 at the approximate cost of \$654,000; #4-Switchgear and controls
23 upgrades for Pump Station #4 at the approximate cost of \$1,362,000; #5-Switchgear and
24 MCC upgrades for Pump Station #1 at the approximate cost of \$900,000; #6-Canal #1
25 improvements such as dredging, slope erosion control and bridge crossing at the
26 approximate cost of \$1,100,000; #7-New Scada monitoring system at the approximate
27 cost of \$390,000; #8-Repair and repainting of canal level control gates at the approximate
28 cost of \$120,000; #9-Rehabilitation of siphon crossing Canal #5, crossing C-23(Highway
29 90) at the approximate cost of \$594,000; and #10-new galvanized grating for pump
30 station intakes at the approximate cost of \$198,000 for a total of \$7,412,000.00. He
31 continued with Phase #2 which would include the following five projects: #1-

1 rehabilitation of siphon crossing Canal #6, crossing C-23(Arizona) at the approximate
2 cost of \$2,100,000; #2-Replacement of timber bridge crossings-canals and drainage
3 ditches at the approximate cost of \$1,590,000; #3-Surface preparation, repair, and
4 repainting of pump stations and discharge piping at the approximate cost of \$582,000;
5 #4-Interioe levee slope repair and erosion protection at the approximate cost of
6 \$2,040,000; and #5-Retrofit installation of pump unit #3 for Pump Stations #3 and #4 at
7 the approximate cost of \$1,752,000 for a total of \$8,064,000. He stated that the total
8 current and additional capital improvements would cost approximately \$15,476,000.00.
9 He continued that these costs also included associated capital costs for program
10 contingency, administrative costs, legal costs, preliminary services, engineering services
11 and miscellaneous costs. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to**
12 **recommend to the Board to approve the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for**
13 **the Diversion Canal for Phase #1 and to pursue issuance of a \$10,000,000 bond.**
14 **Motion carried unanimously.**

15 Item #2-Capital Improvement Funding: Mr. Pratt stated that issuing bonds for
16 payment of the Capital Improvement would be necessary. He stated that at this time,
17 SRA could service indebtedness of \$1.3 million per year.

18 Item #3-Engineer Selection: Mr. Carr stated that staff would like to recommend
19 the selection of Meyers & Associates with Wayne Harris, P.E. as the lead engineer on the
20 projects. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to recommend to the Board to**
21 **approve Meyers & Associates as the engineering firm for the Capital Improvement**
22 **Plan Projects for the Diversion Canal. Motion carried unanimously.**

23 Mr. Goodeaux thanked all those in attendance. He asked for a motion to adjourn
24 since there was no other business to discuss. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr.**
25 **Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried, unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.**

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NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN