

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE
15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY
MANY, LA
11:30AM THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH , 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bobby Williams, Chairman
Mr. C.A. Burgess
Mr. Daniel Cupit
Mr. Ned Goodeaux
Mr. Jerry Holmes
Mr. Ron Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
Carl Chance, IT Mngt Cons 1-SRA, Many, LA
Kathy Ebarb, Acct Spec 2-SRA, Many, LA
Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA

There were three (3) visitors.

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

Mr. Williams asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Item #1-Adopt Budget for FY '2014-Mrs. Ferguson presented each member a copy of the budget. She stated that this Budget is presented to the Joint Legislative Committee for approval. She continued that the Legislative Committee would scrutinize the entire budget and delete items that they deem unnecessary. Mr. Ron Williams stated that he and Mr. Goodeaux had spent some time with Mrs. Ferguson to discuss various items within the budget prior to the meeting and they felt Mrs. Ferguson could answer any questions that the Committee might have at present. Mr. Goodeaux asked why there was a difference of \$1.00 when comparing the totals on Page #3 and

Page #5. She explained that the total request on Page #3 was rounded up to the nearest dollar due to the percentage used to calculate the different pages. Mr. Goodeaux stated that he understood. Mr. Goodeaux asked Mrs. Ferguson to discuss redundancies which were found on Page #10 such as the two mowers, a tractor, a trailer and a dump truck, but further down the page, the list shows the mowers and the dump truck, but there's no tractor or trailer listed and an excavator has been put on the list. Mrs. Ferguson stated that the trailer has been bought and the tractor has been ordered. Mr. Goodeaux stated that staff is requesting the funds for the other items in case it is necessary to purchase them. Mrs. Ferguson stated "correct". Mr. Goodeaux asked why changes were made on Page #11 Major repairs which showed overlay road for Site 15 and Site 7A, but for the "requested" budget, the only overlay shown is Site 11. Mrs. Ferguson stated that Site 7a had been overlaid approximately twelve year ago and there are no plans to do any overlays unless it is at Site 11. He asked about doubling the funds for levee crowns, access ramps, etc.. Mrs. Ferguson stated that levee crown work has to be done nearly every year and it was suggested by staff to double the funds due to price increases for materials etc. Mr. Goodeaux thanked Mrs. Ferguson for a job well done. Mr. Ron Williams asked where the overlay area would be in Park Site 11. Mr. Carr stated that it would be the road leading into the RV camping area as well up in the RV section. Mr. Bobby Williams stated that he wanted to know about the increase in salaries whether it was due to raises, new hires, etc.. Mrs. Ferguson stated that the increase was partly due to the merit increase given in October last year as well as the non-classified employees or students workers that were hired during our peak months to work in the parks and are not considered full-time employees. Also discussed was the travel for Board members to National Water Meetings not necessarily the entire Board to attend, but perhaps two or three members attend and report to the Board. Mr. Pratt stated that he would look into such opportunities and keep the Board informed. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to recommend to the full Board to approve the proposed Legislative Budget for FY'14 for the Sabine River Authority. Motion carried unanimously.**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.**

BOBBY WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN