

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
6 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
7 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
8 **MANY, LA**
9 **1:00PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2011**

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Bobby Williams, Chairman**
13 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
14 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
15 **Mr. Larry Kelly**
16 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**

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18 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
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21 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
22 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
23 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
24 **Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA**
25 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
26 **Robert Conyer, SRA Commissioner, Zwolle, LA**

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28 **There were seven visitors.**
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31 Mr. Williams called the meeting to order. Mr. Pratt offered the Prayer and Mr.
32 Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Vidrine
33 was absent; however, a quorum was established.

34 Mr. Williams asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr.
35 Pratt stated that he would like to re-list the items on the agenda as follows: #1-Discuss
36 Bond Funding for SRD repairs; #2. Jones-Walker Proposal; #3-Government Consultants
37 of Louisiana Proposal;. #4-Recommendation for Selection of Bond Counsel and #5-
38 Discuss the February 2011 Financial Report. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr.**
39 **Burgess to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

40 Public Comments: None.

41 OLD BUSINESS: None.

42 NEW BUSINESS:

43 Item #1Discuss Bond Funding for SRD Repairs: Mr. Carr stated that staff had
44 prepared a Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that Phase I of the planned project will
45 cost approximately \$7,412,000. He stated that this particular part of the phase has ten
46 items which are as follows: 1) installation of diesel bypass pump system for Pump Station

1 No.3-\$654,00; 2) switchgear and controls upgrades for Pump Station No.3-\$1,440,000;
2 3) installation of diesel bypass pump system for Pump Station No.4-\$654,00; 4)
3 switchgear and controls upgrades for Pump System No.4-\$1,362,000; 5) switchgear and
4 MCC upgrades for Pump Station No. 5-\$900,000; 6) Canal No.1 improvements-dredging,
5 slope erosion control, and bridge crossing-\$1,100,000; 7) new SCADA monitoring
6 system-\$390,000; 8) repair and repainting of canal level control gates-\$120,000; 9)
7 rehabilitation of Siphon crossing Canal #5-Crossing C-23 (highway 90)-\$594,000; and
8 10) new galvanized grating for Pump Station intakes-\$198,000. He stated there is a
9 Phase II which at this time is not being considered for funding. He stated that staff is
10 recommending that the Committee recommend to the Board to issue a \$10million dollars
11 bond to fund Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan for the Diversion Canal. **Mr.**
12 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to recommend to the Board to approve a**
13 **\$10million dollars bond issue to fund Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan for**
14 **the Diversion Canal. Motion carried.**

15 Item #2-Jones Walker Proposal: Marjorie McKeithen and Scott Zander attorneys
16 representing Jones Walker addressed the Committee and handed them a copy of the
17 proposal. Mr. Zander introduced members of the firm who prepare bond issues. He
18 stated that Mr. Fred Chevallier although he was not present, would be the lead attorney
19 for the group. He stated that Jones Walker has worked with various entities in bond
20 issuance capacity. He stated that the approximate cost of the bond issue to SRA would
21 be approximately \$49,700 on the \$10 million dollars.

22 Item#3-Government Consultants of Louisiana Proposal: Mr. Dave Reggins
23 presented the members with a copy of their proposal and discussed their role as financial
24 advisors when it comes to the issuance of bonds for various projects. He stated that they
25 could work with any attorney group that was chosen and take the best interest of the
26 agency into consideration when selecting a bank with the best rate. He stated that their
27 fee would be approximately \$97,000 and their suggested counsel for hire is Mr. Jay
28 Delafield who stated that he would discount his rate by 10% percent of the set fees.

29 Item #4-Recommendation for Selection of Bond Counsel: Mr. Pratt stated that
30 the Committee had heard the proposals from the two entities that were interested in
31 preparing the bond issue for the Diversion Canal and whomever was selected, the

1 Committee would have to recommend that the Board enter into a contract with them and
2 authorize the Executive Director to execute the documents. After some discussion, **Mr.**
3 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to table the selection until the Committee could**
4 **on April 28, 2011 at 10:30 am prior to the one o'clock Board meeting on the same**
5 **day. Motion carried unanimously.**

6 Item #5-Discuss & Approve Budget FY'11-'12: Mrs. Ferguson stated that she
7 had presented each member with an updated copy of the proposed budget. She stated that
8 the overall budget which included Toledo Bend and the Diversion Canal divisions
9 showed projected revenues of \$11,781,000.00; expenditures of \$10,174,372.00 with a
10 projected profit of \$1,606,628.00. In reviewing specific items, Mrs. Ferguson pointed out
11 that permit fees was increased and interest was decreased. Continuing she stated that
12 under Acquisitions there was a slight increase as well as the depreciation expense. **Mr.**
13 **Valentine moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to recommend to the Board to approve**
14 **the proposed Budget for FY'11-'12. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Williams asked for a motion to adjourn.
16 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
17 **adjourned at 2:10pm.**

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BOBBY WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN