

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPEICAL CALL MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **CYPRESS BEND RESORT CONFERENCE CENTER**
6 **2000 CYPRESS BEND PARKWAY**
7 **MANY, LA**

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9 **10:30AM TUESDAY, JULY 24TH, 2012**

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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Chairman**
13 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman**
14 **Mr. Byron Gibbs, Secretary**
15 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
16 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
17 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
18 **Mr. Therman Nash**
19 **Mr. Bobby Williams**

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22 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
23 **Mrs. Estella Scott**

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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
27 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA**

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30 **There were 22 visitors.**

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32 Mr. Vidrine called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
33 Vidrine led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Cupit
34 and Mrs. Scott were absent; however a quorum was established.

35 Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Arbuckle**
36 **moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion**
37 **carried unanimously.**

38 Presentation of Appreciation-Mr. Larry Kelly: Mr. Pratt stated that the Board of
39 Commissioners along with the SRA Staff would like to present a Resolution of
40 Appreciation along with a plaque to Mr. Larry Kelly for all of his service not only while
41 serving on the SRA Board, but through the years to the Toledo Bend Lake Association,
42 Sabine Parish Humane Society and the Bi-State Alliance. He continued that Mr. Kelly
43 always took his responsibilities seriously and made decisions to the best of his knowledge
44 of the issues at hand. Mr. Kelly thanked everyone and reminisced about the “early” days
45 when he was on a mission to get legislation passed to stop generation at lake level of
46 168’msl.

1 Presentation of Settlement Agreements by Re-licensing Team: Public/Board
2 Comments: None at this time. Mr. Pratt, executive director SRA Louisiana, stated that
3 the purpose of the meeting was to review the developments of the re-licensing with the
4 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) He stated that present was legal counsel,
5 consultants and re-licensing team to discuss the progress as to where we have been,
6 where we are today and what is next. He stated that this has been an effort developed
7 from lots of work of the SRAs Staff. He stated that many hours of meetings and
8 conference calls were held and many times, it was difficult getting to an admirable
9 decision. He continued that with the help of our legal counsel and consultants, the final
10 produce seems to be the best to meet the requirements necessary for the re-licensing
11 project. He thanked everyone that was a part of the effort and the final result will be
12 having a new FERC license in-hand for the project. Mr. Jerry Clark, general manager of
13 SRA Texas also thanked the staff, consultants, and legal counsel for all their efforts in
14 pursuing the re-licensing project. He stated that the project will continue to have to
15 operate the project under Federal Laws that impact many facets of the day-to-day
16 business of the project. Mr. Mel Swoboda, consultant took the floor to discuss where the
17 re-licensing had been and where it currently was headed. He stated that he wanted to
18 thank all the staff members from Texas and Louisiana SRAs along with legal counsel
19 from Van Ness Feldman and consultants with HDR for all the hard work to move the re-
20 licensing project forward efficiently. He stated that both authorities must be able to
21 continue to meet or exceed the goals of all stakeholders within the project which has to be
22 run like a business. He stated that communications from and to the FERC will show us
23 the limits of what can be done due to constraints of budget, staff, etc. but at the same
24 continue to achieve our goals. He stated that the re-licensing efforts started
25 approximately five years ago with much input from the various agencies and public
26 which were all required and mandated in order to have a license to produce hydroelectric
27 power. He continued approximately one dozen studies which were conducted from one
28 end of the reservoir/river to the other in order to meet the requirements. He stated that
29 from the studies, a program was developed to control Chinese Tallow Trees on the
30 reservoir at approximately \$20,000.00 per year. He stated also that property
31 owners/permit owners will be required to remove these trees. Mr. John Devine,

1 consultant with HDR stated that the flexibility of the Power Sales Agreement was
2 retained in the settlement agreement for hydro electric production as to how quickly the
3 generators could online and drop off line efficiently and effectively as one of the values
4 of the system. He stated that one of the most difficult issues was the eel passage which
5 was to require eel passage for a five-year period; however, this program will be
6 discontinued if in years 3-5 there are not at least 150 eels caught each year.. Mr. Chuck
7 Sensiba, legal counsel stated that there were several Federal Acts that affect the FERC
8 process to re-license the project. He stated the issues that were addressed during the
9 meetings were: being good stewards of the environment, meeting public demand for
10 recreation and economic reality between all agencies. He stated that on behalf of the re-
11 licensing team, it is requesting that the authorities adopt and sign the resolution for
12 support of the Settlement Agreements with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and
13 the Aquatics Settlement for FERC Re-licensing of the Toledo Bend Project with United
14 States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS),
15 Texas Department of Environmental Quality (TDEQ), Texas Water Development Board
16 (TWDB), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD, and Louisiana Department of
17 Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adopt the resolution
18 as presented. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adopt the Resolution in
19 support of the Settlement Agreements for the United States Forest Service and the
20 Aquatics Settlement for FERC Re-licensing the Toledo Bend Project and to
21 authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion
22 carried unanimously.**

23 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn.
24 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting
25 adjourned at 11:54am.**

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STANLEY VIDRINE, CHAIRMAN

NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BYRON GIBBS, SECRETARY