

1 **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **CYPRESS BEND CONFERENCE CENTER**
6 **2000 CYPRESSBEND PARKWAY**
7 **MANY, LA**
8 **10:30AM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2011**
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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Robert Conyer, Chairman**
12 **Mr. Bobby Williams, Secretary**
13 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
14 **Mr. C.A. Burgess**
15 **Mr. Daniel Cupit**
16 **Mr. Byron Gibbs**
17 **Mr. Carlton Gibson**
18 **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**
19 **Mr. Larry Kelly**
20 **Mr. Therman Nash**
21 **Mrs. Estella Scott**
22 **Mr. Kermie Valentine**
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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**
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27 **OTHERS PRESENT:** **Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA**
28 **Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA**
29 **Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA**
30 **Carl Chance, IT Director-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**
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33 **There were five visitors.**
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36 Mr. Conyer called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.
37 Kelly led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Vidrine
38 was absent. Mr. Arbuckle and Mr. Burgess were ten minutes late; however, a quorum
39 was established. Mr. Conyer stated that this meeting was being held jointly with the
40 Sabine River Authority of Texas Board to review the summary of the Draft License
41 Application to be presented to FERC on May 3, 2011. SRA Texas requested that the
42 Board members and Staff introduced themselves.

43 Mr. Conyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing
44 none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Kelly moved,**
45 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried**
46 **unanimously.**

47 **PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

48 **NEW BUSINESS:** Item #1-Adopt Resolution Endorsing Submission of Draft
49 License Application for Toledo Bend project to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:

1 Mr. Mel Swaboda, P.E.-Re-licensing Manager for the TBPJO, spoke to the Board first.
2 He explained that during the past three years, several studies had taken place on the river
3 and reservoir. He stated that these studies included cultural, aquatic and environmental.
4 He continued that there had been several public meetings held to discuss the reports from
5 the studies with the stakeholders of the project as well. He stated that the public could
6 review the application online at www.tbpjo.org. Mr. John Devine, consultant working on
7 the team stated that the Sabine River has a healthy ecosystem. He stated that the final
8 application would be completed and delivered to FERC by September 30, 2011. He
9 stated include in this application is the explanation of future operation of the project,
10 ways to address new laws, regulations, statutes, or anything else of this nature. He stated
11 that it explains the obligation and opportunities of the project to include history of the
12 property management plan such as policies for permits, minimum flow, etc.. Mr. Sensiba,
13 legal counsel with Van, Ness Feldman for the re-licensing application stated that the
14 public has had many opportunities to voice their opinions, as well as FERC to make
15 comments during the review of the draft application and TBPJO can respond to those
16 comments. He stated in the final application, any questions by other agencies will be
17 addressed. He stated that if there was a difference of opinion, that FERC could make a
18 decision. He stated that if for some reason, review and final approval of the new license
19 was not received before the old license expired, an annual operator's license would be
20 issued until approval of the application of the thirty year license was received. He stated
21 that the new application would not restrict the use of the water supply to hydropower and
22 recreation therefore it does not affect any future water sales. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
23 **seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the resolution endorsing submission of the draft**
24 **license application for the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations to the Federal**
25 **Energy Regulatory Commission. YEAS: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1.**

26 Item #2-Authorize the Executive Director to proceed with negotiations for Land
27 Exchange/Purchase with US Forest Service and to proceed with obtaining Congressional
28 Approval: Mr. Jerry Clark, SRA/Texas stated this was a joint effort to exchange or
29 purchase land to exchange with the US Forest Service on the Texas side was necessary
30 since SRA/Texas does not own the "strip land" between the 175 msl and 172 msl. He
31 stated that it is approximately 3,200 acres on the Texas shoreline. He stated that it is

1 thought that the approximate cost of legal and lobbying would be between \$700,000 and
2 \$1,000,000. He stated that SRA/Texas was requesting SRA/Louisiana to support this
3 effort. **Mr Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize the Executive**
4 **Director to proceed with negotiations for land exchange or purchase with US Forest**
5 **Service and to proceed with obtaining Congressional approval for the exchange.**
6 **YEAS: 12 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1. Motion carried.**

7 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.
8 **Mr. Burges moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
9 **adjourned at 11:36am.**

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ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN

BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY