

1 eliminate some of the issues in anticipation of growth for the area. He stated that the
2 changes would produce benefits in a positive for the area. Mr. Goodeaux thanked the
3 Senator.

4 Mr. Goodeaux introduced Mr. Mike McCormic who resides in Sabine Parish for
5 quite some time and he has assured me that he is ready to get involved. Mr. Pratt
6 explained that Senator Long has submitted Mr. McCormic's name to the Governor; until
7 the official word is received, Mr. McCormic has to wait to be sworn in by the Clerk of
8 Court so that he can participate in voting matters.

9 Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
10 Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as circulated. **Mr. Gibbs**
11 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried**
12 **unanimously.**

13 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the December 4th, 2014 meeting were in
14 the packet and asked if there were any corrections. **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr.**
15 **Foret to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of December 4th, 2014 meeting as**
16 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

17 **STAFF REPORTS:**

18 Item#1-TBPJO-Mr. Pratt stated that both generators have been running due to the
19 generous rainfall in the month of January. He stated that the generation target for January
20 was 168.5' msl. He continued that the plan was to cut back to one unit. He stated that
21 the Toledo Bend Project Operations Board would meet on January 27th at 10:30am at the
22 Burkeville Office. He stated that Mr. Rumsey's report had been circulated within the
23 Board packet which covered the entire 2014 calendar year, and he would like to inform
24 the Board that 3.6 million acre feet had been released from January to December 2014.
25 He stated that the gate refurbishment project continues at the dam which is scheduled to
26 be completed by July 31st 2015 weather permitting. Mr. Bobby Williams asked about
27 advertising and he would like to see that the Alexandria Town Talk and the Shreveport
28 Times to be added to the list when advertising for bids for the TBJO. Mr. Pratt stated that
29 the information would be passed on to the others.

30 Item #2-Shoreline: Mr. Chance stated that staff had met with SRA Texas staff as
31 well as US Forestry Service on January 14th to work on the monitoring of erosion as

1 required by FERC compliance. He stated that the sites have been approved for the
2 archeological study and names of archeologists who do contract work to clear the sites
3 for baseline data. He stated that Article 404 which concerns the cofferdam report was
4 filed as required. He stated that staff provided a letter to the agencies on downstream
5 flow of weekend testing to meet compliance of Article 405 and responses from the
6 various agencies has been received. He stated that staff is working on getting those
7 monitoring stations setup. He stated that a check was sent to the US Forest Service for
8 2014 as required by the FERC license for control of Chinese Tallow Trees. He stated
9 that staff has started working on the Recreation Plan which not due until August to make
10 any changes required by the license. He stated that staff continues to draft the
11 encroachment monitoring plan that has to be provided to FERC by February 28th and
12 continues with collecting data. He stated that Article 412 Historic Properties
13 Management Plan work continues with the agencies in trying to get ready to do some
14 historic management properties on the fifteen (15) miles and the traditional culture
15 properties. He continued that Section 18 Subscription for fish ways which includes the
16 additional eel traps and staff is reviewing the prices for this year. He stated that the
17 activities on historical properties report is in final draft and will be submitted before the
18 January 31st 2015 deadline. He stated that the **Permit Report** for December showed
19 **New Structures: 3; Existing Structures: 1.** He stated that the webpage had 699 hits last
20 week, but what was amazing, Cypress Bend Park had 480 new likes with a 1,076 hits and
21 SRA's homepage had 886 hits on our facebook pages. He stated that the social media
22 avenue is getting the word out and visitors are looking for places to make vacation
23 reservations and checking on the lake level too.

24 Item #3-Operational: Mr. Carr stated that presented a report to show the timeline
25 concerning the Sasol activity. He stated that the first meeting was held April 3rd, 2012 in
26 Sulphur. He continued that a water reservation agreement between Sasol and SRA was
27 signed on July 10th, 2013. He stated that Sasol is paying \$10,512.00 per month and thus
28 far have paid \$189,216.00. He stated that a final investment decision for the Lake
29 Charles Chemicals Project was done on October 23rd 2014. He stated that a water sales
30 agreement was signed on November 13th 2014. He continued that staff is working a short
31 term water sale with Sasol to be used for a batch concrete plant and the cost of this water

1 would be \$.15 per thousand gallons drawn from the canal. He stated that the Lake
2 Charles Gas to Liquids Project signed a water reservation agreement on July 10th 2013.
3 He stated that a final investment decision has been planned for 2016. He stated that the
4 relocation of Canal #8 is linked to this project. He stated that at the Toledo Bend
5 Division staff had completed the Hodges Gardens Christmas Project which saw that park
6 have over 7,000 visitors during the holiday. He stated that work continues at 7A with
7 remodeling cabins. He stated a crew is working on removing dead trees within the parks.
8 He stated that the building of additional offices at the Pendleton Bridge office is
9 underway. He stated that a crew has winterized pipes in all locations. He stated that at
10 the TBPJO, our crew removed trees, painted, and within a couple of weeks will move the
11 stop logs from Gate #5 to Gate #3. He stated that the spillway buoy lines had been
12 replaced. He stated that the dam safety engineer conducted a safety class for all the
13 Louisiana employees calling their attention to things to look for when performing their
14 duties. He stated at the Diversion Canal staff received an Attorney General's opinion if
15 funds from KCS for the relocation project could be "funneled" through SRA and this is
16 acceptable. He stated that staff received one estimate from Lorane (?) on dredging Canal
17 #1 (?) which was included in the budget. He called the Board's attention to the SRD
18 Capital Improvement Program report. He stated that Project #8-Repair and Repainting of
19 Canal Level Control Gates was complete at the total cost of \$259,000.00 and that Project
20 #10-New Galvanized Grating for Pump Station Intakes was complete at the total cost of
21 \$310,140.00. He stated that any remaining funds not spent on a specific project would be
22 moved into Phase #2 Projects.

23 Item #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the report was included in
24 the meeting packet. She stated that for the month of November 2014 at the Toledo Bend
25 Division showed revenues that were \$465,612.83; expenses were \$387,294.22 showing a
26 profit of \$78,318.61. She continued that the Diversion Canal Division revenues for
27 November 2014 were \$289,086.74; expenses were \$163,264.40 showing a profit of
28 \$125,822.34. She stated that for the month of December 2014, the Toledo Bend Division
29 showed revenues that were \$360,812.94; expenses were \$439,283.66 showing a loss of
30 \$78,470.72. She continued that the Diversion Canal Division revenues were
31 \$462,077.33; expenses were \$228,759.38 showing a profit of \$233,317.95. **Mr. Gibbs**

1 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to accept all the Staff Reports as circulated and**
2 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. Tom Harwell, general manager of Cypress Bend
4 Golf Resort stated that 2014 had been a good year for the resort which was a great
5 example of public/private entities working together. He stated that he wanted to thank
6 the Board for all of their help and support. He continued that the resort had served over
7 110,000 people last year and with continued hard work and dedication the goal was to
8 strive to make a profit by 2016. He stated that Cabela's would be visiting the resort
9 which would be great for advertising.

10 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

11 **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

12 **NEW BUSINESS: Item #1- Approve Purchase of Boat for Shoreline**

13 **Department:** Mr. Chance stated that the Shoreline Department at the Toledo Bend
14 Office needed a boat for the staff to use to perform permit checks and other compliance
15 issues requested by FERC. He stated that staff had received and reviewed three prices for
16 purchasing a boat to meet these needs. He stated that the asking price for the vessel
17 selected is \$21,500.00. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to approve the**
18 **purchase of a boat for the Shoreline Department to help with FERC compliance**
19 **issues. Motion carried unanimously.**

20 **Item #2- Adopt a Resolution in Support of KCS Expansion:** Mr. Carr stated
21 that the Board had approved SRA entering into an agreement with KCS in December. He
22 stated that KCS has requested that SRA adopt a resolution to have on record in support of
23 their expansion project. He presented each member with a copy of the letter making the
24 request for the resolution. (See attached.) Mr. Williams asked about the general liability?
25 Mr. Carr stated that SRA would be named as additional insured by any contractor on the
26 project and that the entire project would be contracted out; SRA would not perform any
27 work on the project. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt the**
28 **resolution of support for the KCS Expansion Project at the Diversion Canal.**
29 **Motion carried unanimously.**

30 Senator Gerald Long asked to speak again to discuss the Hotel/Motel Tax. He
31 stated that he has been asked by the Executive Director of the Sabine Parish Tourist

1 Commission to author a Bill for a three percent (3%) increase to the Occupancy Tax. He
2 stated that he supports the increase as long as this request is brought to the citizens of
3 Sabine Parish and they agree to the increase of the occupancy tax.

4 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

5 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.

6 2) Parks: No meeting.

7 3) Leaseback: No meeting.

8 4) Finance: No meeting.

9 5) Water Sales: No meeting.

10 6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

11 **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated no report.

12 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that staff had met
13 with Linda Curtis-Sparks, Executive Director of the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission to
14 discuss the proposed hotel/motel occupancy tax increase as well as tournaments and
15 future advertising. He stated that he had attended the Water Resource Meeting as well as
16 the State Conservation Districts Convention. He reminded the Board members of the
17 upcoming Louisiana Tourism Promotion Association Luncheon to be held at Cypress
18 Bend Golf Resort on January 28th at 11:30am. He noted that a copy of the Toledo Bend
19 Project Joint Operations Audit Report had been distributed to each member in the Board
20 Packet. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to accept the Executive Director's**
21 **Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

22 Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be February 26th, 2015 at
23 Pendleton Bridge Office in Many, Louisiana at 1:00pm and the March 26th meeting to be
24 held in Westlake at the Mangum Center.

25 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.

26 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Foret to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

27 **Meeting adjourned at pm.**

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FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY