

1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**
2 **SABINE RIVER AUTHORITY**
3 **STATE OF LOUISIANA**
4 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
5 **PENDLETON BRIDGE OFFICE**
6 **15091 TEXAS HIGHWAY**
7 **MANY, LA**
8 **1:00PM THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH, 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; however a quorum was established.

39 Mr. Conyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Pratt
40 stated that he would like to add under New Business, Item #3-ALH, No.5 request for
41 approval of Golf Cart Proposal for Cypress Bend Resort and Item #4-ALH, No. 5 request
42 for Irrigation System; under Finance & Personnel Committee under Item b-Add March
43 2011 financial report and add Item c-Approve minutes of March 16, 2011 meeting. **Mr.**
44 **Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the amending the agenda.**
45 **Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt**
46 **the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

47 Mr. Conyer stated that the minutes of the February 24th, 2011 meeting were
48 circulated within the packet. He asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, he
49 asked for a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**

1 **seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the minutes of the February 24th , 2011 meeting as**
2 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

4 #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 164.22. He presented each
5 member with a chart of inflow for the reservoir. He stated due to the low lake level, there
6 had been some water quality issues downstream at the Diversion Canal. He stated that a
7 copy of the inspection report of the spillway Tainter Gates by Freese and Nichols was
8 provided for each member. He discussed the corrosion of the structural beams and gates
9 which were going to require maintenance and that it had been 10-15 years since any had
10 been done. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the Toledo Bend**
11 **Project Joint Operations report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 Item #2- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that the pump at Station #3 was
13 installed on April 14th and ran for 4 days. He continued that he motor and drive started
14 making a noise and when the vibration tests were performed on this pump, a problem was
15 found in the drive and/or motor. He stated it was removed on April 21st and sent to Buna
16 Electric. He stated that he was writing a scope of work and an estimate to repair. He
17 stated that preliminary diagnosis is a bent shaft caused by the original lockup of the pump
18 causing damage to the shaft which caused a bearing failure. He continued that in the
19 meantime, the bypass pumps have been put back in service and will remain until the
20 motor and/or drive is repaired and in good working condition. He stated that Air
21 Products have a problem with their intake pump pulling air. He continued that we are
22 checking all of our air vents on that pipeline and have found at least one that is not
23 working properly. He stated that the SRD crew is checking all pipeline air vents for
24 malfunctions and we expect a large number will have to be replaced. He stated that the
25 pagers that receive alarms from the SCADA system were shut down by OTM and staff is
26 working on a solution for that problem. He stated that due to the remoteness of Station
27 #1 we are only running when crews are available. He stated that water quality has
28 improved as a result of the new generating schedule. He stated that staff continues to
29 constantly get conductivity readings in the low 200's. He stated that interviews have
30 been conducted and selection has been made. He stated that the new office for Cypress
31 Bend Park is complete and the staff will be moving in next week. He stated that due to

1 the storms, our communication work wiring was not able to complete this week. He
2 stated that the old office will be moved to Oak Ridge Park. He stated that the BASS Elite
3 Tournament was a huge success and he had watched the show on ESPN. He stated that
4 Cypress Bend and Toledo Bend got great coverage. He stated that staff was preparing for
5 the annual Bass Unlimited Banquet on April 29th at Cypress Bend Park. He stated that
6 staff has finalized plans for the McDonald's Big Bass Splash Tournament to be held May
7 20th-22nd. He complimented Susie Anthony for all her help with the Tournaments. He
8 stated that the electrical project for Pleasure Point was complete and staff will be asking
9 for approval of completion. He stated that a request for bids for vinyl siding and metal
10 roofs to be put on the existing cabins at San Miguel and as soon as bids are open, this
11 project will begin. He stated that the electrical for the lighting on the new fishing piers
12 had been received and the electrical crew will begin that project the following week.

13 **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to accept the Operational Report as**
14 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

15 OLD BUSINESS: None.

16 Public Comment: None.

17 NEW BUSINESS:

18 Public Comment: None.

19 Item #1-Adopt a Resolution for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan: Mr. Chance
20 stated that the Plan had been circulated and asked if there were any questions. He stated
21 if not, staff was requesting that the Board adopt the resolution in support of the plan. **Mr.**
22 **Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adopt the Resolution in support of the**
23 **Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Motion approved unanimously.**

24 Item #2-Proposal from URS Engineering Services: Mr. Stephen Murphy,
25 Manger, Adam Janet, PE, and Ted Stawasz representatives of URS presented a
26 powerpoint to the Board explaining all the types of services they could perform if the
27 need was ever to arise. Mr. Murphy presented those present with a disc copy of the
28 powerpoint presentation. Mr. Conyer thanked the gentlemen for coming and stated that
29 URS had been placed on the approved contractors list for the TBPJO.

30 Item #3-ALH, No5. Request for Golf Cart Upgrade-Mr. Kerry Bennett, asst. mgr
31 for Cypress Bend Resort was present and stated that it was time to replace the golf carts

1 being used at the resort' golf course. He stated that Golf Carts of Louisiana, a Bossier
2 City based company, was proposing 60 (sixty) new carts at the cost of \$4,071 per cart and
3 was willing to allow \$800 per cart trade-in value. He stated that these carts would be
4 purchased with funds from the replacement reserve account. Mr. Carr interjected that
5 staff would like to request that SRA purchase approximately 18-20 of the carts at the
6 trade-in value price of \$800 per cart to be placed in a rental pool at Cypress Bend Park
7 for the guests to rent during their stay. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to**
8 **approve ALH, No.5 to purchase 60 (sixty) new golf carts for Cypress Bend Resort**
9 **and to use funds from the replacement reserve account. Motion carried**
10 **unanimously. Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs approve SRA**
11 **purchasing 18-20 golf carts from ALH, No.5/Cypress Bend Resort not to exceed the**
12 **purchase price of \$16,000 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the**
13 **necessary documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

14 Item #4-Irrigation System at Cypress Bend Resort Golf Course: Mr. Bennett
15 stated that with the lake level being so low, that some of the irrigation heads were getting
16 clogged with sediment from the water. He stated that approximately \$120,000 had been
17 spent to replace 2,500 of the heads that could not be repaired. He stated that he was
18 requesting that SRA assist with paying to replace approximately 150 heads along with
19 relocating the pump used for irrigation. He stated that the approximate cost would be
20 \$21,342. Mr. Carr stated that he would be willing to meet with ALH, No.5/Cypress Bend
21 staff to discuss the re-location of the existing pump and resolve any water issues during
22 the low lake level. **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve ALH,**
23 **No.5 to use funds from the replacement reserve account to replace irrigation heads**
24 **at the Cypress Bend Golf Course at the approximate cost of \$21,342. Motion**
25 **carried unanimously.**

26 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Goodeaux stated the
27 Committee had met on March 23rd. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to
28 review the Capital Improvement Plan for the Diversion Canal System. He stated that it is
29 a two phase plan to make upgrades to the canal system and the Committee would like to
30 recommend to the Board to approve the plan. **After discussion, Mr. Goodeaux moved,**
31 **seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the two-part Capital Improvement Plan for the**

1 **Diversion Canal System and to seek funding for \$7.5million to begin Phase I. Yeas:**
2 **11 Nays : 1 Motion carried.** Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Committee would also like
3 to recommend to the Board the selection of Meyers & Associates as the engineers for the
4 Phase I of the project. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibson to approve the**
5 **selection of Meyers & Associates as engineers for Phase I Project of the Capital**
6 **Improvement Plan for the Diversion Canal and authorize the Executive Director to**
7 **execute the necessary documents upon available funding. Motion carried**
8 **unanimously. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the**
9 **minutes of the Committee Meeting held March 23rd, 2011. Motion carried**
10 **unanimously.**

11 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the
12 February 16th, 2011 meeting were circulated within the packet and needed to be
13 approved. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the minutes**
14 **of the Development & Parks Committee Meeting of February 16th, 2011. Motion**
15 **carried unanimously.**

16 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated that the Committee
17 had met March 31st to discuss a request by Seital, Inc for a permit and all information had
18 been circulated within the packet which the Committee recommends that the Board
19 approve the permit. **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the**
20 **request for a permit by Seitel, Inc for seismographic exploration within the**
21 **reservoir. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Arbuckle stated that the minutes of the
22 March meeting had been circulated within the packet and asked for any corrections.
23 Hearing none, **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to approve the**
24 **March 31st, 2011 meeting minutes of the Leaseback & Cutting/Marking Committee.**
25 **Motion carried unanimously.**

26 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.
27 Williams stated the Committee had met several times. He stated that a bond issue had
28 been discussed at length for funding the Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan for the
29 Diversion Canal. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to approve a**
30 **Bond Issuance of \$10 million for funding the Phase I of the Capital Improvement**
31 **Plan for the Diversion Canal System as well as to approve entering into a contract**

1 **with Jones Walker to serve as bonding counsel at the approximate cost to SRA of**
2 **\$31,866.65 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute any necessary**
3 **documents. Yeas: 11 Nays: 1 Motion carried..** Mr. Williams asked Mrs. Ferguson to
4 address the financial reports for February and March '11. Mrs. Ferguson stated that year-
5 to-date totals for the Toledo Bend Division showed revenues of \$3,983,224.12;
6 expenditures of \$6,201,245.76 with a net loss of \$2,218,021.64. She continued that the
7 year-to-date totals for the Diversion Canal showed revenues of \$3,188,465.78;
8 expenditures of \$1,627,011.67 with a net profit of \$1,561,454.11. **Mr. Williams moved,**
9 **seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the financial reports for February and March as**
10 **circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Williams moved,**
11 **seconded by Mr. Burgess to approve the minutes of the March 16th, 2011 meeting as**
12 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Kelly stated no meeting. He stated that legal counsel
14 continues to work on water sales agreement.

15 Item #3-Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated he would be attending
17 the Sabine River Compact meeting June 2nd and 3rd in Lafayette, LA. He stated that he
18 would be the guest speaker at the Piney Woods Association April 28th meeting. He stated
19 that Senator Long would be announcing his plans for re-election at the Shriner's Building
20 in Many April 28th at 5:30pm. He stated that he would be taking ten days vacation during
21 June to visit his sons that are stationed in North Carolina. He reminded the members to
22 complete and submit their "Personal Finance Disclosure" statements to the Ethics
23 Department by May 15th. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve**
24 **the Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 LEGAL REPORT: No report.

26 Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be May 26th, 2011 at 1:00pm at the
27 Pendleton Bridge Office.

28 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.
29 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
30 **adjourned at 2:39pm.**

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ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN

STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN

BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY