

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 71449**
8 **1:00PM THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH 2016**
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10 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Daniel Cupit, Chairman
11 Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Vice-Chairman
12 Mr. Frank Davis, Secretary
13 Mr. Norman Arbuckle
14 Mr. C.A. Burgess
15 Mr. Jimmy Foret
16 Mr. Byron Gibbs
17 Mr. Jerry Holmes
18 Mr. Mike McCormic
19 Mr. Therman Nash
20 Mrs. Estella Scott
21 Mr. Stanley Vidrine
22 Mr. Bobby Williams

23 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Pratt, Executive Director-SRA, Many, LA
25 Becky Anderson, Adm Asst 5-SRA, Many, LA
26 Carl Chance, IT Director 1-SRA, Many, LA
27 Mike Carr, Fac Maint Mgr 3-SRA, Many, LA
28 Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA
29 There were (16) visitors.
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31 Mr. Cupit called the meeting to order Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr. Cupit
32 led the Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that all were present; therefore, a
33 quorum was established.

34 Mr. Cupit asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing
35 none, Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the circulated agenda. **Mr. Goodeaux**
36 **moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the circulated agenda. Motion carried**
37 **unanimously.**

38 Mr. Cupit stated that the minutes of the February 25th 2016 meeting were in the
39 packet and asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to
40 approve the minutes. **Mrs. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the**
41 **minutes of the Board meeting of February 25th 2016 meeting. Motion carried**
42 **unanimously.**

43 **STAFF REPORTS:**

44 **Item#1-TBPJO-**Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 172.58' msl with seven
45 (7) gates at 1ft and two (2) gates at 2ft, and Barton's report was included in the packet.
46 He stated that Mr. Carr would give the operations report.

1 **Item #2-Shoreline:** Mr. Chance stated that Shoreline Permits for the month of
2 February-New Structures: 9 @ \$35 = \$315; March-New Structures 3 @\$35 = \$105
3 Transfers-3 @\$35 = \$105 which gives a total collections of \$525 for February and March
4 2016. He stated that the Spillway Flow Release Plan (Article 403) was approved on
5 April 19th 2016. He stated that the first part of the plan has to be implemented by August.
6 He stated that the Recreation Management Plan as amended was also approved on April
7 19th; however, a list of all the amenities at each park has to be completed and returned to
8 FERC. He stated that the Non-Federal Land Erosion Monitoring Plan was modified and
9 approved on April 12th 2016; FERC modified what we submitted to extend the
10 monitoring for the 50-year term of the license with a report due every five (5) years as to
11 the results of the monitoring. He stated that a meeting was held with the US Forest
12 Service on the Federal Land Monitoring Plan, the HPMP survey work completed last fall,
13 the Public Education and information Plan as well as the SRA TX Recreation work in the
14 US Forest Service Recreation Areas on April 13th. He stated that there will be a Cultural
15 Resources work group meeting in late May or early June to review the 2015-16 (year
16 one) survey work and to determine the areas for the year two work. He stated that
17 according to Facebook, the SRALA page weekly TOTAL REACH was 10,325 and
18 CYPRESS BEND page weekly TOTAL REACH was 8,738.

19 **Item #3-Operational:** Mr. Carr stated that from the **Toledo Bend Division** the
20 crew continues to perform general maintenance on all twenty-eight (28) cabins and two
21 hundred seventy-six (276) RV sites in the parks. He stated that work continues on the
22 office at San Miguel; however the renovation of Cabin #14 which is the handicap cabin is
23 now complete there. He stated that the Buoy Crew is keeping with boat lane maintenance
24 of the 180 miles with over 10,000 buoys which are in exceptionally good condition. He
25 stated that the SRA crew has completed the wall project at Cypress Bend and have
26 replaced all irrigation and electrical at the flag plaza at the approximate cost of \$10,000
27 and the other funds will be used to purchase the necessary plants to be installed. He
28 stated that DEQ has approved the wastewater pond that's in service and the current force
29 main has been re-routed to the new pond. He stated that he would like to give a special
30 thanks to Chevy Medlock and Rodney Johnson for their work on the annual safety audit
31 which SRA passed with 100% compliance. He stated that from the **Toledo Bend Project**

1 **Joint Operations** crew, a safety meeting was held on February 25th. He stated that a
2 historical flood occurred in March and the Louisiana crew worked around the clock
3 during most of this event. He stated that lake level readings were taken hourly and the
4 spillway gates were opened in concurrence with the operating guide all of which were
5 documented with any action that was necessary. He stated that Gate Operation started on
6 March 9th and spilling continued until April 6th when all gates were closed. He stated at
7 this time most of the project roads have been repaired and cleanup of trees has begun. He
8 stated that SRALA will be meeting with FEMA on Tuesday, May 3rd to discuss losses
9 that occurred during the historical flood and he would give the staff the information to
10 pass along to anyone who needs it. He stated that spilling has been resumed so installing
11 the access road to the spillway has been put on hold. He stated that on April 21st, spilling
12 of water started at 5,000cfs and was moved to 11,000cfs on April 24th. He stated that the
13 FUGRO Company was scheduled to get inclinometer readings, but had to cancel due to
14 the current spill. He stated that FREESE & NICHOLS were scheduled to inspect the
15 spillway after the major spill event, but had to cancel due to the current spill. He stated
16 that the unit repair is moving slowly. He stated that the flushing of the servo motors has
17 been accomplished. He stated that a template has been made for the turbine blocks for
18 blocking the blades in a fixed position and the contractors are waiting on HDR to provide
19 them with the optimal setting and welding instructions before welding the blocks in
20 place. HDR is sending a report April 28th for final design. He stated that the vibration
21 monitoring equipment still has to be installed and the seal cover plates will have to be
22 welded and the oil drained from the hub. He stated that from the **Sabine Diversion**
23 **Canal** the MATHESON TRI-GAS has completed their new pump and will be taking
24 water once their pipeline is completed which should be later this year. He stated that they
25 are currently contracted for 1,000GPM as compared to their previous contract with a
26 maximum demand rate of 120GPM. He stated that the Sasol Pump Station Project is
27 moving forward and they are at a point where they need to penetrate our levee system.
28 He stated that the KCS rail yard expansion is moving forward and a bid package has been
29 sent to potential pipe suppliers. He continued that staff expects to go out for bids on the
30 construction in May or early June. He stated that staff met with representatives of
31 FLUOR ENGINEERING, JAMES CONSTRUCTION, CBK SOILS ENGINEER, and

1 MEYERS & ASSOCIATES to discuss the permanent road and road/railroad crossings
2 and staff continues to work on the servitude for these projects. He stated that Staff
3 reviewed the plans for the SASOL pipe rack and we have requested some changes
4 concerning the flanged connections within the project as previously stated and the current
5 design shows flanged connections on the drip pan. He stated that the I-10 frontage road
6 north side siphon drawings are being prepared for SRA's review and will begin once
7 approved. He stated that the Board had previously approved three (3) servitudes with the
8 parish: two (2) for I-10 and one (1) for Coach Williams Drive. He stated that those
9 servitudes have been completed pending reviews and acceptance of the design by SRA.
10 He stated that the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is moving forward with the extension of
11 Coach Williams Drive which will cross our canal system. He stated that staff has
12 received the plans for review and approval. He stated that the Parish will be installing
13 box culverts and staff is reviewing the seal system at the joints. He continued that staff
14 has been working with CPPJ since July 2015 on this project. He stated that T.BAKER
15 SMITH started the geotechnical and topographic work for the Canal #1 dredging and also
16 will obtain the Corp of Engineer permit for the project. He stated that the total cost to T
17 BAKER SMITH will be approximately \$80,000.00. He continued that once the data is
18 received, MEYERS & ASSOCIATES will put together a bid package and he reminded
19 the Board that the budget approved in 2011 was \$1,100,000.00; however staff feels sure
20 this will have to be amended once final bids are received. He stated that Project 12-B is
21 an action item to be discussed later in the meeting and he also reminded the Board of the
22 written reports included in the meeting packet.

23 **Item #4-Financial Report:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial report was
24 included in the meeting packet. She stated that at the **Toledo Bend Division** Revenue for
25 February 2016 was \$794,944.43; Expenses were \$766,490.82 showing a profit of
26 \$28,453.61; Revenue for March 2016 was \$1,052,321.20; Expenses were \$662,510.56
27 showing a profit 289,810.64. She stated that the year-to-date total was Revenue
28 \$6,804,174.15; Expenses were \$5,932,705.89 with a profit of \$871,468.26. She stated
29 that at the **Diversion Canal Division** February Revenue was \$278,571.61; Expenses
30 were \$197,338.52 showing a profit of \$81,233.09; March Revenue was \$546,288.49;
31 Expenses were \$204,472.87; with a Profit \$341, 815.62. She stated that the year-to-day

1 total was Revenue \$3,906,313.72; Expenses were \$2,170,082.18 with a profit of
2 \$1,736,231.54. **Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Staff
3 Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 **SPECIAL REPORTS:** Mr. John Toliver, President of the Toledo Bend Lake
5 Association addressed the Board concerning the recruiting and hiring of a Deputy
6 Director. Mrs. Mitzie Galligan, Treasurer of the Toledo Bend Advisory Committee also
7 addressed the Board with concerns about the hiring of the Deputy Director. Chairman
8 Cupit thanked them for their interests in SRA and Toledo Bend Reservoir.

9 **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

10 **OLD BUSINESS: ITEM #1: Adopt Resolution for Calcasieu Parish**

11 **Servitude:** Mr. Carr stated that the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury had requested a
12 resolution in support of the current projects on I-10 North Frontage Road and on I-10
13 South Frontage Road. He stated that the resolution was circulated within the meeting
14 packet and if there were no questions, staff was requesting that the Board adopt the
15 resolution. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the Resolution for
16 the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Servitude for the I-10 North Frontage Road and
17 the I-10 South Frontage Road Projects. Motion carried unanimously.**

18 **NEW BUSINESS: ITEM #1: Capital Project #12-B Diesel Bypass Piping and**

19 **Meter:** Mr. Carr stated that Project 12-B consists of relocation and resizing of the bypass
20 lines at Pump Stations #3 and #4 and the addition of a flow meter at both sites. He stated
21 that this must be done to prepare for the installation of the third pump at Stations #3 and
22 #4. He stated that the total cost for the Project is estimated to be \$650,000.00 which
23 would leave approximately \$872,531.00 undesignated in the Capital Bond original issue
24 of the \$10 million. He stated that staff is requesting to leave this amount undesignated
25 until bids are received on Project #6 which is the dredging of the Canal as it is expected
26 to have an overage in cost for this project. He stated that staff is requesting that the
27 Board approve this project and authorize the Executive Director to execute all necessary
28 documents for its completion. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to
29 approve Capital Project #12-B Diesel Bypass Piping and Meter and to leave any
30 remaining funds as “undesignated” until bids are received for Project #6-Dredging
31 of the Canal. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 **ITEM #2: Cypress Bend Golf Resort Golf Cart Lease:** Mr. Don Brennan,
2 CFO for ALH explained to the Board that it was time for the Golf Resort to either
3 purchase the existing golf carts or to return those carts and purchase new carts. He stated
4 that after several weeks of review, ALH has decided to purchase new gas carts due to the
5 efficiency operating system of the new quieter gas carts. He stated that these carts would
6 cost only \$.28 per round versus \$.60 per round for the electric cart. He stated that these
7 carts would be covered bumper-to-bumper with a five (5) year warranty. He stated that
8 Lott Oil has been contacted about installing a 500-gallon tank on the premises. Mr. Pratt
9 stated that when ALH took over the golf course through the lease, SRA provided golf
10 carts and at the end of the seventy-five (75) year lease, ALH has to leave SRA with golf
11 carts. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve ALH's purchase of**
12 **new gas golf carts. Motion carried** unanimously.

13 **ITEM #3: SRA Purchase of Golf Carts:** Mrs. Ferguson stated that SRA had
14 purchase ten of the used golf carts five years ago which were put in a rental pool at
15 Cypress Bend Park. She stated that these carts are rented by visitors for \$25.00 per day.
16 She continued that for Fiscal Year '16, SRA received \$11,287.00 in rental fees. She
17 stated that of the original ten, there are eight left in good condition and staff would like to
18 add seven (7) more to the fleet by purchasing some from Golf Club USA at the cost of
19 \$1,470.00 per cart for a total fee of \$10,290.00. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mrs.**
20 **Scott to approve the purchase of seven (7) golf carts at the approximate total cost of**
21 **\$10,290.00. Motion carried** unanimously.

22 **ITEM #4: Cancel Employment Contract with Barton Rumsey and re-classify**
23 **into Consultant Position:** Mr. Pratt stated that Mr. Rumsey had been working as the
24 Confidential Assistant/Deputy Director position and he is requesting to move Mr.
25 Rumsey into the Consultant Position which is a part-time/half-time position. He stated
26 that Mr. Rumsey has worked for SRA for approximately forty-plus years. **Mr.**
27 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the cancelation of Mr.**
28 **Rumsey's contract and re-classify him into the Consultant Position. Motion carried**
29 **unanimously.**

30 **ITEM #5: Recommendation for Deputy Director Position:** Mr. Pratt stated
31 that he had previously been looking for an individual who was already familiar with State

1 Government Policies and Procedures or “in the system”, but unfortunately, a prospective
2 candidate turned down the opportunity due to the fact that SRA could not offer the same
3 salary the candidate was currently making. **Mr. Foret moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess**
4 **to table any action on this item for approximately 30-60 days to advertise to see if**
5 **there were any other individuals interested in the position. Chairman Cupit called**
6 **for a roll call vote: YEAS: Arbuckle, Burgess, Foret, Gibbs, Nash and Williams.**
7 **NAYS: Davis, Goodeaux, Holmes, McCormic, Scott, Vidrine, Cupit. Motion failed.**
8 Mr. Pratt said that he had since received resumes from two qualified individuals who
9 were interviewed and he would like to make a recommendation to the Board. Mr.
10 Williams asked “what is the difference between the Confidential Assistant and Deputy
11 Director”. Mrs. Anderson read from the current by-laws the following statement:
12 “**Section 4. The Executive Director shall employ a Confidential Assistant. The**
13 **Confidential Assistant shall carry the title of “Deputy Director” and shall be subject to**
14 **applicable statutes, rules and regulations of the State of Louisiana, as well as those set**
15 **forth in these by-laws. The Executive Director may utilize the position of Deputy**
16 **Director as he/she sees fit.”** Mr. Pratt stated that during the interview process, both
17 candidates were informed that if chosen for the position, it did not necessarily mean that
18 they would become the Executive Director. He continued that the contract was the same
19 as Mr. Rumsey’s except for the salary. He stated that he could have retired by the end of
20 last year; however, he signed up to go into the “drop” program which is for three years.
21 He stated that he would like to see the power sales agreement settled as well as any flood
22 related litigation resolved before retiring. Mr. Pratt stated that his recommendation was
23 Mr. Warren Founds, III. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to**
24 **approve hiring Mr. Warren Founds, III to the position of Deputy Director and to**
25 **approve the contract as presented. Motion carried with YEAS: 11 NAYS: 2.**

26 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 27 **1) Diversion Canal:** No meeting.
28 **2) Parks:** No meeting.
29 **3) Leaseback:** No meeting
30 **4) Finance:** Mr. Goodeaux stated that the minutes of the February 16th 2016
31 meeting were circulated in the packet. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by**

1 **Mr. Williams to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting**
2 **held February 16th 2016 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 **5) Water Sales:** No meeting.

4 **6) Fishery & Lake Management:** No meeting.

5 **LEGAL REPORT:** Executive Session: Mr. Pratt stated that it was not
6 necessary to move into Executive Session because he had not received any updates on the
7 pending litigations.

8 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that the Power Sales
9 Agreement was moving slow. He stated that staff had received a request from attorneys
10 for possible litigation due to the March flood. He stated that the Sabine River Compact
11 Administration would meet June 3rd and 4th at the Margaretville Hotel in Bossier City,
12 LA for those interested in attending.

13 Mr. Cupit stated that the next meeting would be May 24th 2016 at 1:00pm at the
14 Pendleton Bridge Office Many, Louisiana.

15 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cupit asked for a motion to adjourn.

16 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. McCormic to adjourn. Motion carried**
17 **unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.**

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FRANK DAVIS, SECRETARY

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DANIEL CUPIT, CHAIRMAN

NED GOODEAUX, VICE-CHAIRMAN