

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, MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014**  
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12 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux, Chairman**  
13                                   **Mr. Therman Nash, Vice-Chairman**  
14                                   **Mr. Ron Williams, Secretary**  
15                                   **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**  
16                                   **Mr. Daniel Cupit**  
17                                   **Mr. Frank Davis**  
18                                   **Mr. Byron Gibbs**  
19                                   **Mr. Jerry Holmes**  
20                                   **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
21                                   **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**  
22                                   **Mr. Bobby Williams**  
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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT:**   **Mr. C. A. Burgess**  
25                                   **Mr. Jimmy Foret, Jr**  
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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 1-SRA, Many, LA**  
31                                   **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**  
32                                   **Daniel Jones, Fac Maint Asst Mgr 1-SRA, Many, LA**  
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34                                   **There were eighteen (18) visitors.**  
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37                                   Mr. Goodeaux called the meeting to order. Mr. Nash offered the Prayer and Mr.  
38 Goodeaux led Pledge. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Burgess and Mr.  
39 Foret were absent; therefore a quorum was established.

40                                   Mr. Goodeaux asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr.  
41 Pratt stated that staff would like to add under Old Business, Item #1-Emergency Repair  
42 of Pump Station #1; under New Business Item #2 Air Products Servitude, Item #3 Pump  
43 Repairs at Pump Station #3 & #4 and Item #4 Authorization for Timber Sales. Mr.  
44 Goodeaux asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. **Mr. Cupit moved,**  
45 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

46                                   Mr. Goodeaux stated that there was a correction to Page #7, the motion which  
47 approved the increase in the water withdrawal rate to \$100 per year was overlooked. He  
48 stated that Mrs. Anderson had been alerted and the correction has been made. He asked  
49 for a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Board meeting.

1 **Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the corrected minutes of**  
2 **the Board meeting of March 27th, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 STAFF REPORTS:

4 Item#1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level is 171.12 msl' by the manual  
5 reading taken at the Dam site. He stated that USGS has a recorder that takes the level  
6 every 15 minutes and it is suggested that staff encourage the public to use the website to  
7 view this lake level each day.

8 Item #2-Shoreline/Relicensing: Mr. Chance stated that while he was attending the  
9 National Hydropower Conference in Washington, DC the license for the Toledo Bend  
10 Project P-2305 would not be issued until at least August. He stated that FERC is having  
11 some issues with parts of the settlement that says implementation of the changes in the  
12 power generation schedules will not begin until after the current Power Sales Agreement  
13 expires. We reminded them that they encouraged all parties to reach a settlement, we did  
14 so and they should agree with and abide by the settlement. He continued while in  
15 Washington we visited with FERC compliance staff at their office. He stated that they  
16 were very helpful; however their message was they are "compliance". He stated that they  
17 have a staff of 45 with 1100 projects and SRA worked very hard and submitted a license  
18 application with a SMP, a RMP and a HPMP. He stated that Compliance Staff pretty  
19 much stated that they expect the SRA's to comply with what they asked for and the  
20 Commission agreed to and they will do all they can to help. He gave the shoreline report  
21 as follows: Permits for March 2014: New-8, Transfer-3 total fees \$400.00; Permits for  
22 April 2014: New-8, Transfer-5 total fees \$605.83. He stated that staff had worked two  
23 sewer complaints that has consumed a couple days time with letters, filing complaints  
24 with DHH. He stated that staff had posted notice for removal on one unattended fishing  
25 barge and one duck blind.

26 Item #3-Operational:

27 a) Toledo Bend-Mr. Jones stated that his crew had been working up at Site #2  
28 and have completed the new storage building that was built in the back of the new RV  
29 section to keep equipment and tools housed. He stated that the three picnic pavilions are  
30 completed and the sidewalks from the parking lot to each pavilion. He stated that the  
31 DeSoto Parish Police Jury finished blacktopping the existing roads in the front and has

1 extended the road all the way around to the new event pavilion and also in front of the  
2 restrooms. He stated that Mrs. Teresa Moreau, a member of the Toledo Bend Lake  
3 Association made a request to the Association to fund a refurbishing and upgrades to the  
4 existing playground equipment at the small public park at Site #10. He stated that the  
5 TBLA approved \$1,800.00 for the project which was to purchase a slide, a rock climbing  
6 wall, new swings, and paint for the existing equipment to give a “new” look. He stated  
7 that this project is approximately 90% complete. During his report, Mr. Jones had a  
8 powerpoint presentation showing the Oak Ridge Park improvements. He stated that Oak  
9 Ridge has a total of 51 pads 27 in front section and 24 in the back section. He stated that  
10 Park Manager Sissy Norwood stated that there had already been a family reunion held at  
11 the pavilion by the water and she received lots of positive feedback from the group.

12           b) SRD Division: Mr. Carr stated that staff was working with four new  
13 industrial customers that have inquired about SRD water as well as working with existing  
14 customers that have plans to expand and increase their water usage. He stated that  
15 potential new customers include SASOL 32,000gpm (71cfs); LCC 10,000gpm (13cfs),  
16 Juniper 500gpm (1cfs) and Cheniere Pipeline Company 10,000gpm (22cfs). He  
17 continued that existing customers wanting to reserve water include Axiall (formally PPG)  
18 6,000gpm (13cfs), CITGO 6,600gpm (15cfs), P66 (formally Conoco) 400gpm (1cfs) and  
19 Westlake Petrochem 900gpm (2cfs). He stated all together this means an increased usage  
20 of 147cfs. He continued should all or even some of these negotiations be successful,  
21 SRA will need to consider adding pumps to Pump Stations #1 and #4 and depending  
22 upon the SASOL project, it may be necessary to do the same at Pump Station #3. He  
23 stated that all capital projects are close to schedule and are expected to be completed on  
24 or near the completion date of late June or early July with the exception of Project #6.  
25 He stated that the Water Infrastructure Agreement with SASOL is still not complete even  
26 though the design phase of the new Pump Station is nearing completion. He stated that  
27 both LCCE and CITGO want to reserve water from Pump Station #4 which is not  
28 possible with our current configuration while still maintaining reliability for the  
29 customers. He stated that staff would make the recommendation to the Board that SRA  
30 not reserve water to either entity from PS#4 until a study of our capabilities to reliably  
31 deliver the proposed amount of water has been done. He stated that staff will proceed

1 with a study and a recommendation for water reservation to be delivered through Pump  
2 Station #4 possibly by the next meeting.

3 #4-Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the financial reports were  
4 included in the meeting packet. She stated that the Toledo Bend Division showed  
5 revenues for March to be \$600,335.25; expenditures of \$693,516.05 showing a deficit of  
6 \$93,180.80. She stated revenues for the April were \$643,279.03; expenditures of  
7 \$616,262.11 showing a profit of \$27,016.92. She stated that the Diversion Canal  
8 Division showed revenues for March of \$341,511.92; expenditures of \$154,185.50  
9 leaving a profit of \$187,326.42. She continued that revenues for April were \$345,301.59;  
10 expenditures were \$169,006.37 leaving a profit of \$185,295.27. She stated that year-to-  
11 date for the Toledo Bend Division was revenues of \$5,281,997.10; expenditures of  
12 \$6,196,214.20 with a deficit of \$914,217.10. She finished with the year-to-date totals for  
13 the Diversion Canal Division with revenues of \$3,767,425.32; expenditures of  
14 \$1,962,870.05 with a profit of \$1,804,555.27. Mr. Lynn Maines presented a report on the  
15 items sold on the website "Gov.Deals.com". He stated that five items had been placed  
16 for bids and all were sold. He stated that a total of \$18,552.00 was collected. **Mr.**  
17 **Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to accept all the Staff Reports including the**  
18 **Financial Reports for March and April 2014 as circulated and presented. Motion**  
19 **carried unanimously.**

20 SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

21 Mr. Goodeaux stated that he would like to appoint a Public Relations Committee  
22 and charge them with educating the public about SRA's projects. He stated that he had  
23 selected Mr. Ted Dove of the TBLA; Mr. Jim Mifflin of the TBCAC and Eason Dowden,  
24 Realtor. He stated that these people have agreed to communicate with the SRA staff on  
25 various issues concerning the Toledo Bend Reservoir.

26 PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Linda Curtis-Sparks, Executive Director of the  
27 Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission stated that she would like to praise and  
28 say a big thank you to the SRA Staff that worked to make the Bass Master Elite Series  
29 Tournament such a great success. She stated that Daniel Jones went above and beyond to  
30 accommodate all requests presented to him and those who worked with him. She stated  
31 that this has been a great year for the Lunker Bass Program. She stated that 61 lunkers

1 had been weighed-in and all of these “free” replicas were awarded to the fishermen at the  
2 McDonald’s Big Bass Splash on May 18<sup>th</sup> .

3 OLD BUSINESS: Item #1: Approve Engineering Contract with Meyer &  
4 Associates: Mr. Carr stated that Meyer & Associates have been helping with the Sasol  
5 Project at the Diversion Canal. He stated that the Board needs to approve their contract  
6 for payment in the amount of \$13,000.00 and Sasol will reimburse SRA for these fees.

7 **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to approve the Meyer &**  
8 **Associate contract in the amount of \$13,000.00 concerning the Sasol Project at the**  
9 **Diversion Canal and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary**  
10 **documents. Motion carried unanimously.**

11 Item #2-Emergency Repair to Pump Station #1: Mr. Carr stated that a 600-  
12 horsepower motor at Pump Station #1 went out. He stated that it seems to have shorted  
13 out and the crew has pulled the motor to be sent to the shop. He stated that the last time  
14 this happened in the same manner; the bearings had to be replaced and had to be  
15 rewound. He stated the cost at that time was approximately \$46,000.00. He stated that  
16 staff does not know the exact cost of the repairs at this time but it has to be repaired. **Mr.**  
17 **Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to approve the emergency repair to a**  
18 **motor for Pump Station #1 at the Diversion Canal not to exceed \$100,000.00.**  
19 **Motion carried unanimously.**

20 NEW BUSINESS: Item #1: Approve contract for Legislative Auditor: Mrs.  
21 Ferguson stated that the Legislative Auditor’s Office had bid the contract for the agency  
22 three years ago with the option to renew for an additional three years of both parties  
23 chose to do so. She stated that Steven DeRouen, CPA of Steve DeRouen & Associates  
24 had been doing the audit for the past three years which is the time frame for the new  
25 contract. **Mr. Bobby Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the**  
26 **contract for the Legislative Auditor’s annual audit to Steve DeRouen & Associates.**  
27 **Motion carried unanimously.**

28 Item #2:-Air Products Servitude: Mr. Carr stated that it is servitude on our  
29 property and the fee for this servitude is \$13,306.00. He stated that staff requests that the  
30 Executive Director be authorized to execute the necessary documents. **Mr. Vidrine**  
31 **moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes to approve the servitude permit for Air Products**

1 **and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents. Motion**  
2 **carried unanimously.**

3 Item #3-Pump Repair at Pump Station #3 & #4: Mr. Carr stated that Unit #1 at  
4 Pump Station #4 had to be switched out. He stated that as the crew was putting the unit  
5 back together, it was noticed that a little closer to the catwalk than before it was removed.  
6 He continued that the anchor bolts were broken and if this unit was started, it would have  
7 cause a great deal of damage. He stated that it was decided to take the motor drive and  
8 clutch off and close in the gap. He stated that a new check valve had to been installed.  
9 He stated that the plate had to be taken to the machine shop to be repaired since it had  
10 warped. He stated that holes had to be drilled and all new bolts installed. He stated that a  
11 synthetic material was also put into place to minimize the vibrations of the motor. He  
12 stated that an inspection was then done on the other three motors and the same problem  
13 was found at the three other pumps being 2 pumps at Station # and 2 pumps at Station #4.  
14 He stated that to make the necessary repairs for one motor is going to cost approximately  
15 \$60,000.00. He stated that staff requests to include this in the Capital Improvement  
16 Project and to take any excess funds in Phase #2; make this a new CIP Phase #1, Item  
17 #11 to have a budget of \$300,000.00. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to**  
18 **approve the addition of Phase #1, Item #11 Pump Repair at Stations #3 & #4 in the**  
19 **Capital Improvement Project at the cost of \$300,000.00 Motion carried**  
20 **unanimously.**

21 Item #4-Authorization for Timber Sales: Mr. Pratt stated that staff would like to  
22 request permission from the Board to authorize a timber sale along the Iron Ore Road by  
23 the Waste Water Treatment Plant off Cypress Bend Parkway/Drive. He stated the timber  
24 would be sold by auction. He stated that the plan clear cut approximately two acres and  
25 thin 60+ acres. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to authorize staff to hold a**  
26 **public auction for the sale of timber on the property by Cypress Bend Resort.**  
27 **Motion carried unanimously.**

28 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 29 1) Diversion Canal: No meeting.  
30 2) Parks: No meeting.  
31 3) Leaseback: No meeting.

- 1           4) Finance: No meeting.
- 2           5) Water Sales: No meeting.
- 3           6) Fishery & Lake Management: No meeting.

4           **LEGAL REPORT:** Mr. Pratt stated that no report. **Mr. Gibbs moved,**  
5 **seconded by Mr. Davis to accept the legal report as presented. Motion carried**  
6 **unanimously.**

7           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that Senator Mary  
8 Landrieu held a Energy & Natural Resource Committee Hearing at Cypress Bend Resort  
9 on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Several topics discussed during the hearing were TBPJO receiving a  
10 50 year license and that the fee of \$11 million dollars was extreme. He stated that the  
11 Senator is also helping to facilitate the “land swap” for SRA Texas. He stated that the  
12 Sabine River Compact would be meeting in Lake Charles on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at the Isle of  
13 Capri Casino Resort. He stated that Mr. Bobby Williams and Mr. Doug Brandon were  
14 the representatives for Louisiana. He stated that the meetings are open and feel free to  
15 attend any of the Board members who would like to make the meeting. He stated that he  
16 had attended a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee concerning the SRA Budge  
17 for FY’2015. He stated this budget would be brought to the Board for final review and  
18 approval at the June meeting. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to accept**  
19 **the Executive Director’s report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

20           Mr. Goodeaux stated that the next meeting would be June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1:00pm at  
21 the Pendleton Bridge Office.

22           With no further business to discuss, Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn.  
23 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**  
24 **Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.**

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**NED GOODEAUX, CHAIRMAN**

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**THERMAN NASH, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:**

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**RON WILLIAMS, SECRETARY**