

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, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 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. Carlton Gibson**  
17   **Mr. Ned Goodeaux**  
18   **Mr. Larry Kelly**  
19   **Mr. Therman Nash**  
20   **Mrs. Estella Scott**  
21   **Mr. Kermie Valentine**  
22   **Mr. Stanley Vidrine**  
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24   **MEMBERS ABSENT:**   **Mr. Byron Gibbs**  
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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 Conyer led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called and it was noted that Mr. Gibbs  
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 #1-Approve Board Member  
41 Travel to Sabine River Compact Meeting in Lafayette. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded**  
42 **by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the amended to the agenda. Motion carried**  
43 **unanimously. Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the amended**  
44 **agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

45                       Mr. Conyer stated that the minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup> meetings were  
46 circulated within the packet. He asked if there were any corrections; hearing none, he  
47 asked for a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by**  
48 **Mr. Vidrine to approve the minutes of the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting and the Special**  
49 **Call meeting of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

1 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

2 #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 163.95. He stated that running  
3 the generators 2 ½ hours every other day has balanced the intake at the Diversion Canal.  
4 He presented each member present a report showing the purchase price of power over the  
5 past several years. He stated that the rate varies.

6 Item #2- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that at the Diversion Canal, the  
7 estimated installation time on Pump #2 at Station #3 is June 20, 2011 at the approximate  
8 cost of \$31,000. He stated that in addition to the \$78,000 already spent to repair the  
9 pump to new condition, and the rental on the bypass pumps that have cost about \$45,000  
10 so far, we can expect another month's rent on the bypass pumps of \$18,000. He stated  
11 that since the new generator operating times have been adjusted, we have hit 250  
12 conductivity only once and low water conditions that required shutdown once. He state  
13 that Pump 2at Station #1 is still down due to t control issues and staff is suggesting we  
14 do not expend funds on repair since Pumps #1 and #3 are operating efficiently, staff  
15 suggests waiting for bond issue and possibly move Station #1 refurbishing up on the  
16 priority list. He stated that levee mowing will begin in June. He stated that with the help  
17 of Carl Chance and Champion Technologies, we are now receiving alarms from the pump  
18 stations and gates directly on our cell phones in real time. He stated that SRA is holding  
19 a retainage from the siphon project although the project is complete, due to a request by  
20 Porta-Dam stating they have an unpaid invoice of \$32,000. Boh Brothers has requested  
21 the project be closed out; however staff recommends holding the retainage until the  
22 invoice issue is resolved. He stated that Boh Brothers has submitted an invoice for  
23 \$73,000 for a change order which was not approved by SRA to cover costs of a flagman  
24 at the KCS site. He stated that staff is in dispute with them in regards to who is  
25 responsible for these costs. He stated that the new office at Cypress Bend Park is  
26 complete and functioning. He stated that the old office is scheduled to be moved to Oak  
27 Ridge Park on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that maintenance is working on a new entrance fence  
28 for Cypress Bend so the gates can be locked. He stated that the material has been  
29 received for the renovation of the outside of the cabins at San Miguel. He stated that  
30 SRA has made an agreement with Diversified Services and Rivers Builders Supply to  
31 purchase the floating pier at Cypress Bend Park for \$17,000 to include pulling pilings and

1 moving the pier. He stated that the Toledo Bend Lake Association has agreed to  
2 participate in this purchase up to \$8,000. He continued that this is an opportunity to make  
3 a much needed improvement to the park and tournament facilities. He stated that staff  
4 had intended to tie the new floating pier to the existing pier, but decided to request costs  
5 for extending the new pier to the 175 elevation. He stated that it would mean purchasing  
6 an additional 170 feet of floating pier and the cost is \$18,000. He stated that approximate  
7 costs of materials is \$13,000 and so staff recommends a meeting of the Parks Committee  
8 to discuss this matter and close-out other projects. He stated that the crew had worked  
9 the Big Bass Splash Tournament with over 2,000 entrants and all went well. He stated  
10 that is all the major tournaments until the Oilman's Classic which is scheduled for  
11 September. He stated that there are still several smaller tournaments and night  
12 tournaments that do not require maintenance to present on the weekend other than normal  
13 callouts. He stated that required maintenance on the wastewater treatment plant that  
14 serves the Cypress Bend Community. He stated that a bid received for painting was  
15 \$39,000; however staff will get a definite price and recommends this work being done  
16 during the winter for Cypress Bend Resort. He stated that staff is working with Don  
17 Brennan of ALH on a scope of work involved in moving the irrigation intake on Cypress  
18 Bend Golf course. He stated that our lease obligations include furnishing water for  
19 irrigation, but we can help with machinery and manpower. He stated that staff feels SRA  
20 could help with a monetary budget not to exceed the cost of a new portable pump due to  
21 the age of the other pump which has about 9 months of run time during current low water  
22 conditions. He stated that the SRA Maintenance Crew including the Inmate Crew was  
23 given an award by the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission for outstanding to the Toledo  
24 Bend Community in the facilitation of large fishing tournaments. **Mr. Williams moved,**  
25 **seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to recognize the SRA Maintenance Crew for receiving an**  
26 **award for outstanding service to the Toledo Bend Community. Motion carried**  
27 **unanimously. Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to accept the Staff**  
28 **Reports as presented and circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**

29 OLD BUSINESS:

30 Public Comment: None.

1 Item #1-Adopt Bond Resolution: Mr. Pratt presented each member present a  
2 copy of the resolution. He stated that adoption of this resolution was part of the bonding  
3 process. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to adopt the resolution in**  
4 **support of the bond issue. Motion carried unanimously.**

5 NEW BUSINESS: None.

6 Public Comment: None.

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Goodeaux stated no  
8 meeting.

9 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated no meeting.

10 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated that the Committee  
11 had met prior to the meeting. He asked Mr. Chance to give the report on the Sanders and  
12 Seals issues. Mr. Chance stated that staff had visited Mr. Seals establishment and he was  
13 in compliance and open for business. He continued that staff was waiting for the final  
14 inspection of Mr. Seals' project. He stated that Mr. Sanders had hire local legal counsel  
15 and staff was waiting for dates for dispositions to be taken. Mr. Arbuckle stated that the  
16 Committee had discussed three pipeline requests. He stated all information concerning  
17 these requests was circulated within the packet. **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr.**  
18 **Cupit to approve the request for a pipeline permit by Heckman pending FERC**  
19 **approval. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr.**  
20 **Vidrine to approve the request for a pipeline permit by TPF II pending FERC**  
21 **approval. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Arbuckle moved, seconded by Mr.**  
22 **Nash to approve the request for a pipeline permit by Tristate Midstream pending**  
23 **FERC approval. Motion carried unanimously.**

24 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.  
25 Williams stated the Committee had met on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and the minutes had been  
26 circulated in the packet and asked if there were any corrections. **Mr. Williams moved,**  
27 **seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to approve the minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
28 **of the Finance & Personnel Committee as circulated. Motion carried unanimously.**  
29 Mr. Williams asked Mrs. Ferguson to give the Financial report for April 2011. Mrs.  
30 Ferguson stated that the report was not complete asked for it to be tabled until next  
31 month's meeting. She stated that a bid opening would be held at the Legislative

1 Auditor's Office in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. She stated that this is how  
2 SRA's auditor for the next three years is selected.

3 Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Kelly stated no meeting. He stated that legal counsel  
4 continues to work on water sales agreement. Mr. Pratt stated that legal counsel is  
5 preparing an executive summary to be presented within a couple of weeks.

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

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he had been in  
8 Baton Rouge to get approval of SRA's budget for next FY' 12. He stated that a water  
9 rescue would be performed by the US Air Force on June 9<sup>th</sup> between 10:30am and  
10 1:00pm. He stated that a Diversity Training Session would be held for all SRA  
11 employees on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the Board that he would be on vacation  
12 beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr.**  
13 **Arbuckle to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented. Motion carried**  
14 **unanimously.**

15 LEGAL REPORT: No report.

16 Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 1:00pm at the  
17 Pendleton Bridge Office. Mr. Pratt stated that on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, staff would like to have a  
18 Development & Parks Committee at 11:00am at the Pendleton Office as well as a Water  
19 Sales Committee meeting at 1:00pm on the same day. He continued that a Finance &  
20 Personnel Committee meeting would be held at 11:00am on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pendleton  
21 Office.

22 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.  
23 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**  
24 **adjourned at 1:59pm.**

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**ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN**

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**STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY**