

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, JUNE 30<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. 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  
23 Mr. Stanley Vidrine  
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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.  
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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 eight 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 all were  
38 present and 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 delete to approve of the minutes of the May meeting since  
41 they were not circulated within the packet. He continued that under old business, Item  
42 #1-Adopt resolution for Bond Issuance; under Finance & Personnel Committee, Item #d-  
43 Approve ALH, No.5 request to use \$54,267 from the Replacement Reserve Account to  
44 move the irrigation pump for the golf course; Item #e-Approve SRA providing \$21,300  
45 to help with moving the irrigation pump at the golf course to continue to be in compliance  
46 with the lease agreement; and Item #f-Approve amending the Jones-Walker Contract and  
47 to increase the current budget and lastly under Water Sales, Item #b-Proposal from the  
48 TL Development, LLC for water sales contract. **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr.**  
49 **Arbuckle to approve the amending the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Mr.**

1 **Burgess moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adopt the amended agenda. Motion**  
2 **carried unanimously.**

3 STAFF REPORTS: Public Comments. None.

4 #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 163.95. He stated that running  
5 the generators 2 ½ hours every other day has provided the water need for the intake at the  
6 Diversion Canal. He stated that discussions were being held to consider upgrades by  
7 Entergy to the Powerhouse and the Switchyard at the dam.

8 #2-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Chance stated that the final application would be  
9 submitted on September 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Erosion Study was complete and it is  
10 hopeful it would be satisfactory to meet the requirements. He stated that the water  
11 quality data was still being collected on a two-week schedule. He stated that a meeting  
12 was held with USACE on Tuesday to work on a Programmatic General permit for Toledo  
13 Bend. He stated that the current Nationwide Permit which we should have been doing  
14 permits under allows for only a 50 ft boathouse or pier; also only allows a dredge of 10  
15 cu yds without notification and 25 cu yds with notification to the Corp; over 25 yd dredge  
16 should apply for an individual permit and all material must be placed above the 172 ft  
17 contour and placed in such a way as to not to allow it to return to the lake in a storm  
18 event or any runoff from it. He stated that SRA is asking for a an agreement allowing the  
19 SRA's to permit structures to 200ft; permit dredges of 500 cu yds with dredge material  
20 still having to be removed from the reservoir and authority t issue permits for bank  
21 stabilization of 500 ft. He stated that the Aquatic Work Group would meet in Orange,  
22 Texas on July 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss downstream issues and a meeting with the US Forest Service  
23 had been scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the property exchange. He continued that the  
24 HPMP would meet at Cypress Bend on July 20<sup>th</sup> and a field trip was schedule for the 19<sup>th</sup>.

25 Item #3- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that a contract had been signed with  
26 Meyers & Associates for the CIP at the Diversion Canal and staff was pushing for bid  
27 submittals on Pump Station #3 as soon as possible. He stated that there was a saltwater  
28 intrusion in the river as far up as Niblett's Bluff, which is south of our intake canal and  
29 SRD Staff and the Texas Lab continue to monitor this on a daily basis. He stated that  
30 monitoring system at Pump Station #1 is still showing conductivity in the 190 to 230  
31 range which is acceptable to the customers. He stated that the Cypress Bend launch had

1 been cleaned out and staff had moved to Pleasure Point to work on that launch. He stated  
2 that staff will continue to clean out these launches as well as San Miguel and Oak Ridge  
3 as necessary to keep them open. He stated that the new exterior on Cabin #4 at San  
4 Miguel was completed which include installation of new windows, doors, metal roofing  
5 as well as the siding. He stated that the fencing project at Cypress Bend was complete  
6 with the exception of the gates. He stated that the old office had been moved to Oak  
7 Ridge and functional. He continued that July 4<sup>th</sup> is always a big weekend in our parks  
8 and staff had hired a security firm to patrol the parks as well as having extra maintenance  
9 staff working since all of our facilities are completely booked. **Mr. Goodeaux moved,**  
10 **seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion carried**  
11 **unanimously.**

12 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comment: None.

13 Item #1-Adopt Resolution for Bond Issuance: Mr. Pratt presented each member  
14 present a copy of the resolution. He stated that adoption of this resolution was to accept  
15 the proposal from Iberia Bank. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adopt**  
16 **the resolution accepting the proposal from Iberia Bank for the bond issue for the**  
17 **Diversion Canal. Motion carried unanimously.**

18 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comment: None.

19 Item #1-Election of Officers-Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary: Mr.  
20 Conyer opened the floor for nominations for Officers. **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by**  
21 **Mr. Burgess to nominate the current officers for another term and that the**  
22 **nominations cease. Motion carried unanimously and therefore the officers were**  
23 **elected by acclamation.**

24 Item #2-Selection of Official Journal-The Sabine Index: Mr. Pratt stated that the  
25 official journal must be a newspaper domiciled within your city or parish. **Mr. Burgess**  
26 **moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to select The Sabine Index as the official journal of**  
27 **the SRA. Motion carried unanimously.**

28 Item #-Adopt resolution for Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire:  
29 Mrs. Ferguson stated that each year, she completes the questionnaire on behalf of the  
30 Board; circulates a copy within the packet and the adoption of the resolution is part of the  
31 submittal process. **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to adopt the resolution**

1 **for the Legislative Auditor's Compliance Questionnaire on behalf of the SRA Board**  
2 **of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Goodeaux stated no  
4 meeting.

5 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Goodeaux stated that the Committee had met  
6 on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and had several items to recommend to the Board. Item #a&b: **Mr.**

7 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to recommend to the Board to approve**

8 **closure of the following projects: 11-1000 Cypress Bend Office-total cost of**

9 **\$65,595.72 (overage of \$5,595.72); 15-900 Pleasure Point Electrical-total cost of**

10 **\$53,550.06(balance of \$6,449.94); 15-800 Pleasure Point Trash Bins-total cost of**

11 **\$6,923.40(balance of \$13,076.60) and 02-500 Oak Ridge Office Relocation-total cost**

12 **\$0.00(balance of \$10,000) and to reallocate the remaining funds of \$23,930.82 from**

13 **the closed projects to the installation of gates at Cypress Bend Park and to allocate**

14 **from Appropriation Funds \$5,000 to extend the floating pier at Cypress Bend Park.**

15 **Motion carried unanimously. Item #c-Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mrs.**

16 **Scott to recommend to the Board to approve the changes to Park Rules and**

17 **Regulations which changed the cancellation policy from seven days to 14 days prior**

18 **to arrival and at Cypress Bend Park only, during the months of March through**

19 **June, all RV sites will be rented at the overnight rate and reservations can be made**

20 **for any number of days up to six months; and all monthly RV customers will be**

21 **responsible for electric bill. Motion carried unanimously. Item #d-Mr. Goodeaux**

22 **moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to recommend to the Board to approve the Golf**

23 **Cart Rental Policy (see attached). Motion carried unanimously. Item #e-Mr.**

24 **Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to designate water withdrawal point be**

25 **at Converse Bay hatchery pond by pumps only, no trucks. Motion carried**

26 **unanimously.**

27 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Arbuckle stated no meeting.

28 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr.

29 Williams stated the Committee had met prior to the meeting and discussed several items

30 that need to be recommended to the Board. Item #a-**Mr. Williams moved, seconded by**

31 **Mr. Arbuckle to recommend to the Board to approve the Selection of accounting**

1 **firm of Broussard, Poche', Lewis and Breaux to perform the bi-annual audit of**  
2 **ALH, No.5 at the cost of \$8,000. Motion carried unanimously. Item #b-Mr.**  
3 **Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to recommend to the Board to approve the**  
4 **April and May 2011 Financial Report which showed the year-to-date total for**  
5 **Toledo Bend with a loss of \$2,387,367.43 and Diversion Canal with a profit of**  
6 **\$1,874,929.56 as presented with a combined year-to-date total loss of \$512,437.87.**  
7 **Item #c-Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to recommend to the Board**  
8 **to approve the emergency backup generator installation at the Diversion Canal.**  
9 **Motion carried unanimously. Item #d-Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr.**  
10 **Goodeaux to recommend to the Board to approve ALH, No.5 request to use**  
11 **\$54,267.00 from the replacement reserve account to move the irrigation pump at the**  
12 **golf course for better water access. Motion carried unanimously. Item #e-Mr.**  
13 **Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Goodeaux to recommend to the Board to approve**  
14 **SRA using \$21,300 from major repairs to help with the moving the irrigation pump**  
15 **at Cypress Bend Golf Course in order to be in compliance with our lease agreement**  
16 **which states the SRA would furnish water for irrigation. Motion carried**  
17 **unanimously. Item #f-Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to recommend**  
18 **to the Board to amend the Jones Walker contract for \$117,000 and to increase the**  
19 **budget by the same amount. Motion carried unanimously.**

20 **Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Kelly stated that the Committee had met on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to**  
21 **discuss a policy, application and pricing for water taken from streams and tributaries. He**  
22 **stated that the information had been circulated within the packet and asked if there were**  
23 **any questions. It was stated that the water rate would be \$.15 per barrel-a 42 gallon**  
24 **barrel. Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve the Policy,**  
25 **Application, and Price for Water Removal from streams and tributaries within the**  
26 **jurisdiction or control of the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana. Motion**  
27 **carried unanimously. (See attached.) Item #b-Mr. Pratt stated that a copy of a**  
28 **proposal from TL Development, LLC had been given to each member. He stated that if**  
29 **the Board so desires for the Executive Director, Board Chairman, and Chairman of the**  
30 **Water Sales Committee to authorize this group to investigate this new proposal, then a**  
31 **motion would be needed for directions. Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Burgess to**

1 **authorize the Executive Director, Board Chairman, and Water Sales Committee**  
2 **Chairman to investigate the new proposal from TL Development, LLC for a water**  
3 **purchase contract outside of the State of Louisiana. Motion carried unanimously.**

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

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he would be  
6 meeting with SRA/TX and the US Forest Service in Lufkin to discuss the property  
7 exchange. He stated that he would be speaking to the Toledo Bend Citizens Advisory  
8 Committee on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he had participated in the meeting with the  
9 US Corp of Engineers from the Ft. Worth District concerning Toledo Bend. He stated  
10 that the administrative offices would be closed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. **Mr. Nash**  
11 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to approve the Executive Director's Report as**  
12 **presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

13 LEGAL REPORT: No report.

14 Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the  
15 Pendleton Office.

16 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.  
17 **Mr. Burgess moved, seconded by Mr. Cupit to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**  
18 **adjourned at 2:07pm.**

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**ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN**

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**STANLEY VIDRINE, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

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**BOBBY WILLIAMS, SECRETARY**

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