

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, JULY 28TH , 2011**

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11 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** **Mr. Robert Conyer, Chairman**
12 **Mr. Stanley Vidrine, Vice-Chairman**
13 **Mr. Bobby Williams, Secretary**
14 **Mr. Norman Arbuckle**
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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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **Mr. C.A. Burgess**

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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 Consultant 1-SRA, Many, LA**
31 **Kellie Ferguson, Adm Prog Dir3-SRA, Many, LA**

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33 **There were eleven 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.
38 Burgess was absent; however, a quorum was established.

39 Mr. Conyer asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.
40 **Motion carried unanimously.**

41 **STAFF REPORTS:** Public Comments. None.

42 #1-TBPJO: Mr. Pratt stated that the lake level was 162.30. He stated the FERC
43 inspection was done July 29th. He stated that Mr. Goodeaux actually witnessed the
44 inspection and he asked him to give a report. Mr. Goodeaux stated that the inspection
45 took place at 80 ft. below the surface of the dam. He continued that when the FERC
46 representative gave his report, he was very well pleased with the condition due to good
47 maintenance practices as well as no safety hazards seen on the premises.

48 #2-Re-licensing Update: Mr. Chance stated that the Aquatic resource group had
49 met and discussed an additional model to be done. He stated the new model for data

1 collection would be done using the computer turning on the generators and shutting them
2 down after a one hour run to see the affects. He stated that the mussel study was
3 satisfactory to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. He stated the work group had
4 met with the Archeological Group. He stated that work was in progress concerning the
5 Shoreline Management Plan. He stated that staff had received a five-page document
6 from FERC with comments concerning the draft license. He stated that one of the hydro-
7 tech data collectors had been stolen and is valued at \$8,000.

8 Item #3- Operational Reports: Mr. Carr stated that at the diversion canal Pump
9 Station #3, Motor #2 has been installed and running well. He stated that staff intends to
10 remove the rental pumps next week, but now we have received a request from Conoco to
11 invite the other water customers to pay the rental fee if SRA leaves the pumps in place.
12 He continued that staff does not recommend doing this request. He stated that there has
13 been a saltwater intrusion in the river as far up as Niblett's Bluff which is south of our
14 intake canal. He stated that SRD staff and Texas lab staff are monitoring things on a
15 daily basis. He stated that he was monitoring the Ruliff gage closely and there may come
16 a point that we need to go to a 3 hour run depending on rainfall downstream. He stated
17 that every other day release has proven to be a great improvement over the prior release
18 schedule. He stated that staff continues to work with Meyer & Associates on putting
19 together bid packages for the current Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that a
20 substantial completion document on the siphon project would be submitted soon. He
21 stated this simply indicates that Boh Brothers has completed the project and that Meyers
22 & Associates and the SRA have approved the project. He stated that the Executive
23 Director will need to sign this document as he signed the original contract. He stated that
24 the maintenance crews continue to work on the boat launches at all parks and removing
25 the material. He stated that the launches are have been cleaned out and are good to
26 approximately 161.5 msl in all parks. He stated that as the launches are cleaned to the
27 lower elevations, rock is being adding at the end of the concrete launch. He stated that
28 the work on the irrigation system move at Cypress Bend resort has been started and the
29 initial concrete pour for the base was done on July 21st and work has begun on the walls
30 of the wet well. He stated that the crew had finished another cabin at San Miguel with
31 replacing windows, doors, vinyl covering and metal roofing. He stated that the plan is to

1 do the interior work this winter. **Mr. Valentine moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to**
2 **approve the Staff Reports as circulated and presented. Motion carried**
3 **unanimously.**

4 OLD BUSINESS: Public Comment: None.

5 Item #1- Discuss Attorney General's Opinion #11-0071: Mr. Pratt stated that
6 reading the opinion, it looks like SRA is "not required to adhere to the protections of
7 archaeological resources on State-owned lands that are embodied in La.R.S. 41:1601, *et*
8 *seq* 3. He continued that however, pursuant to LA .Const. Art. IX, Sec. 1, the SRA should
9 consider the impacts of its planned activities on archaeological resources. He continued
10 that staff was requesting that the Board make a decision as whether or not to proceed with
11 the planned improvements at Oak Ridge park. Mr. Goodeaux stated that consideration
12 should be given to the area where the improvements have been planned. Mr. Pratt
13 interjected that it is felt that SRA would not be digging deep trenches and if artifacts were
14 found, activities would cease. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to**
15 **continue to follow the same practices that SRA has been doing for approximately 30**
16 **years with the exception of Oak Ridge Park Site 2 until it is felt that due diligence**
17 **has been done. Motion carried unanimously.**

18 Item #2-Water Supply Contract with CLECO: Mr. Pratt stated that this particular
19 contract was signed in 1981 and it gave SWEPCO the option to renew. He stated that
20 SWEPCO has asked to renew the contract and to make an assignment of interest in the
21 water purchase contract to CLECO Power, LLC for an additional ten years. He
22 continued that this contract would be renewed with the current water rate. **Mr. Williams**
23 **moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve renewing the Water Purchase Contract**
24 **with CLECO Power, LLC for an additional ten years at the current water rate.**
25 **Motion carried unanimously.**

26 Item #3-Consider Water Supply Proposal from T.L. Development: Mr. Pratt
27 stated that this is the other company that has approached SRA concerning an out-of-state
28 water purchase contract. He stated that he was requesting that the Board authorize the
29 Executive Director, Board Chairman and Water Sales Committee Chairman to hold
30 preliminary negotiations or discussions to make sure this company is truly interested in a
31 water sales contract. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to authorize the**

1 **Executive Director, Board Chairman and Chairman of the Water Sales Committee**
2 **to hold discussions/negotiations with T.L. Development, LLC concerning their**
3 **interest in an out-of-state water sales contract with the Authority. Motion carried**
4 **unanimously.**

5 NEW BUSINESS: Public Comment: None.

6 Item #1-Approve contract for Legislative Audit: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the
7 State Legislative Office selected the Auditor for the yearly and the contract is for three
8 years. She stated that Steven DeRouen received the bid at a cost of \$16,860 per year for
9 the next three years. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve a**
10 **three year contract to perform the annual audit at the cost of \$16,860.00 for Steven**
11 **DeRouen, CPA for the SRA. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 Item #2- June Financial Report: Mrs. Ferguson stated that the report had been
13 circulated within the Board packet and asked if there were any questions. She did explain
14 that on the report, there was a "13th month" column which is provided for the Auditor
15 make any adjustments that are necessary once the annual audit is complete. She stated
16 that revenue for Toledo Bend was \$152,694.85; expenditures was \$839,617.25 showing a
17 loss of \$687,382.08. Continuing with the Diversion Canal had revenue of \$354,426.32;
18 expenditures of \$135,467.49 with a profit of \$218,958.83. **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded**
19 **by Mrs. Scott to accept the June 2011 Financial Report as circulated and presented.**
20 **Motion carried unanimously.**

21 Item #3- ALH, No.5 Audit: Mrs. Ferguson stated that Mr. Don Kelly had
22 completed the audit and the report was circulated within the Board packet which showed
23 them to be in compliance with the agreement. She asked if there were any questions and
24 hearing none, she asked that the Board accept the audit. **Mr. Vidrine moved, seconded**
25 **by Mr. Gibbs to accept ALH, No. 5 audit report as circulated and presented.**
26 **Motion carried unanimously.**

27 Item #4-ALH, No.5 request to purchase a mower from the Replacement Reserve
28 Account: Mrs. Ferguson stated a request had been received from ALH, No. 5 to purchase
29 a mower for the golf course at the approximate cost of \$10,500 from the replacement
30 reserve account. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the request**
31 **from ALH, No.5 to purchase a mower for the golf course at the approximate cost of**

1 **\$10,500 using funds from the replacement reserve account. Motion carried**
2 **unanimously.**

3 Item #5-Request from the Town of Zwolle: Mr. Pratt introduced Mr. Freddie
4 Rivers and Mr. Kyle Martinez as representatives of the Town of Zwolle. He stated that
5 the town wanted to erect a welcome sign on SRA property and he asked Mr. Martinez to
6 make his presentation. Mr. Martinez stated that the site the Town had selected for the
7 sign to be erected was located next to Rebecca's Store on Highway 482. He stated that
8 the actual area belongs to SRA and he was asking for permission on behalf of the town.
9 **Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mr. Arbuckle to approve a permit for the request**
10 **from the Town of Zwolle to erect a welcome sign on SRA property west of Zwolle on**
11 **Highway 482 near Rebecca's store. Motion carried unanimously.**

12 Mr. Freddie Rivers asked to address the Board concerning the Clyde's Crossing
13 park which is located right across from Rebecca's. He stated that he would like to
14 increase the size of the fishing to 24 x30 ft and add a roof. He continued that he would
15 like to add a breaker box for additional lighting of the park for certain hours in the late
16 evening and the Town of Zwolle would be responsible for making sure these lights went
17 out at the proper time. He stated that he would like to ask SRA for some assistance with
18 the labor as well as the Toledo Bend Lake Association to help with the cost of the
19 materials for the electrical system and Rivers Builders' Supply would furnish all the
20 lumber for the project. He stated that he would come back to the SRA once the plans for
21 the project were completed. Mr. Conyer thanked both gentlemen for coming to the
22 meeting.

23 COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committee Appointments: Mr. Conyer stated that he
24 was making some changes to the Committees. He stated that he was appointing Daniel
25 Cupit to the Diversion Canal Committee replacing Ned Goodeaux who would be
26 replacing Norman Arbuckle on the Toledo Bend Joint Operating Board. He explained
27 that he would convene each Committee, open the floor for nominations to elect a
28 chairman and then the Chairman could handle any business of the Committee then
29 adjourn the Committee.

30 Item #1-Diversion Canal. Mr. Conyer read the name of each member to serve on
31 the Committee. They are Gibbs, Gibson, Cupit, Kelly, Scott and Vidrine. Mr. Conyer

1 called the Committee to order. He asked for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Vidrine**
2 **nominated Mr. Cupit for chairman seconded by Mrs. Scott and nominations closed**
3 **by Mr. Gibbs. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Cupit asked for a motion to adjourn
4 the Committee. **Mr. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Kelly to adjourn. Motion**
5 **carried unanimously.**

6 Item #2-Development & Parks: Mr. Conyer read the name of each member to
7 serve on the Committee. They are Arbuckle, Burgess, Cupit, Goodeaux, Nash, and Scott.
8 Mr. Conyer called the Committee to order. He asked for nominations for Chairman. **Mr.**
9 **Arbuckle nominated Mr. Goodeaux for chairman seconded by Mrs. Scott with**
10 **nominations cease. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Goodeaux stated that the
11 minutes of the June 23rd 2011 meeting were circulated within the Board packet and he
12 asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Mr. Nash moved, seconded by Mr.**
13 **Arbuckle to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting as circulated. Motion**
14 **carried unanimously.** Mr. Goodeaux asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Arbuckle**
15 **moved, seconded by Mrs. Scott to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

16 Item#3-Leaseback & Cutting/Marking: Mr. Conyer read the name of each
17 member to serve on the Committee. They are Arbuckle, Goodeaux, Kelly, Nash, Vidrine
18 and Williams. Mr. Conyer called the Committee to order. He asked for nominations for
19 Chairman. **Mr. Vidrine nominated Mr. Arbuckle for chairman seconded by Mr.**
20 **Williams with nominations cease. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Arbuckle asked
21 for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn.**
22 **Motion carried unanimously.**

23 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: Item #1-Finance & Personnel: Mr. Conyer
24 read the name of each member to serve on the Committee. They are Burgess, Cupit,
25 Kelly, Valentine, Vidrine, and Williams. Mr. Conyer called the Committee to order. He
26 asked for nominations for Chairman. **Mr. Kelly nominated Mr. Williams for**
27 **chairman seconded by Mr. Vidrine with nominations cease. Motion carried**
28 **unanimously.** Mr. Williams stated that the minutes of the June 30th, 2011 meeting were
29 circulated within the packet. **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Valentine to**
30 **approve the minutes of the June 30th 2011 meeting as circulated. Motion carried**

1 **unanimously.** Mr. Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded**
2 **by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

3 Item #2-Water Sales: Mr. Conyer read the name of each member to serve on the
4 Committee. They are Arbuckle, Burgess, Goodeaux, Kelly, Vidrine and Williams. Mr.
5 Conyer called the Committee to order and asked for nominations for Chairman. **Mr.**
6 **Vidrine nominated Mr. Kelly for Chairman seconded by Mr. Arbuckle with**
7 **nominations cease. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Kelly stated that the minutes of
8 the June 23rd 2011 meeting were circulated within the packet. **Mr. Kelly moved,**
9 **seconded by Mr. Vidrine to approve the minutes of the June 23rd 2011 meeting as**
10 **circulated. Motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn.
11 **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried**
12 **unanimously.**

13 Item #3-Fishery & Lake Management: Mr. Conyer read the name of each
14 member to serve on the Committee. They are Arbuckle, Cupit, Gibbs, Goodeaux Nash,
15 and Vidrine. Mr. Conyer called the Committee to order. He asked for nominations for
16 Chairman. **Mr. Cupit nominated Mr. Vidrine for Chairman seconded by Mr.**
17 **Goodeaux with nominations cease.** Mr. Vidrine asked for a motion to adjourn. **Mr.**
18 **Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Nash to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Pratt stated that he had been
20 involved with the Shoreline Management Plan meetings. He stated that he felt sure that
21 another joint meeting between SRA Texas and SRA Louisiana Boards would be held
22 sometime in August to review and approve the final re-licensing documents to be
23 submitted to FERC in September. **Mr. Goodeaux moved, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to**
24 **approve the Executive Director's report. Motion carried unanimously.**

25 LEGAL REPORT: Mr. Luke Edwards, legal counsel was present to give an
26 update on the Sanders Suit. He stated that the depositions of Mr. Pratt and Mr. Temple
27 had been taken on July 27th. He continued that the Summary Judgment ruling was
28 scheduled for August 19th.

29 Mr. Conyer stated that the next meeting would be August 25th, 2001 1:00pm at
30 the Pendleton Office.

1 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Conyer asked for a motion to adjourn.

2 **Mr. Cupit moved, seconded by Mr. Vidrine to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting**
3 **adjourned at 2:44pm.**

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ROBERT CONYER, CHAIRMAN

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